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Idan Raichel Releases New Album

Cumbancha launches the Israeli superstar's solo piano live album on January 26th, 2018 worldwide

Double album features 36 tracks, including new versions of classic songs along with previously unreleased compositions

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After 15 years as leader of **The Idan Raichel Project**, international music icon Idan Raichel recently began focusing on the basic essence of his songs with the solo piano concert entitled *Idan Raichel – Piano – Songs*. Throughout 2016 and 2017, Idan presented his melodies, lyrics and the stories behind them in their pure, stripped down form, as they were originally written at home or in the studio.

On January 26th, 2018, Cumbancha will release selections from these special concerts to the world as a 36-song double-album digital set. Along with new studio versions of his solo piano work and two new versions of classic songs now featuring orchestral accompaniment, *Idan Raichel – Piano – Songs* also includes two previously unreleased compositions, notably the haunting new single “Lisloach Ve'Lishkoach (To Forgive and to Forget)”.

Idan performed these intimate solo piano concerts for rapturous audiences in New York, London, Los Angeles, Mexico City, Rome, Rio and many more. He sold out three nights in a row at the New Morning in Paris and filled large and small venues with his enchanting melodies and virtuosic playing. These intimate and inspiring show allowed Idan to demonstrate his gifts as a singer-songwriter and endearing solo stage presence.

Most of the recordings on this new live double album were recorded during a 17-concert run at the 1400-seat Shuni Amphitheater in Binyamina, Israel. During the course of the unprecedented series, Idan performed for over 20,000 people. Most had never heard his hit songs performed in this unadorned way.

Producer, keyboardist, lyricist, composer and Performer **Idan Raichel** is a global music icon who has brought his inspiring example and soul-stirring music to some of the planet's biggest stages. As the leader of **The Idan Raichel Project**, Idan has acted as a musical ambassador representing a hopeful world in which artistic collaboration breaks down barriers between people of different backgrounds and beliefs.

Over the past 13 years, Idan has collaborated with American pop stars **India.Arie**, **Dave Matthews** and **Alicia Keys**, not to mention a wide range of artists who are household names in their native countries: Portugal's **Ana Moura**, France's **Patrick Bruel**, Italy's **Ornella Vanoni**, Germany's **Andreas Scholl**, Poland's **Kayah** and Mali's **Vieux Farka Touré** to name but a few. The Idan Raichel Project's spectacular live show has enchanted audiences worldwide. They have headlined in some of the world's most prestigious venues, including New York's Central Park Summer Stage, Apollo Theater, Town Hall and Radio City Music Hall, Los Angeles' Kodak Theater, the Sydney Opera House, Zenith in Paris, London's Royal Albert Hall and many international festivals. They have also performed across Europe, South & Central America, Hong Kong, Singapore, India, Ethiopia, South Africa, Ghana, Japan and dozens of other countries for enraptured audiences of all backgrounds.

“The Project was always my second family” Raichel says, “and the decision to go and perform in a more intimate setting was very exciting, mingled with a natural concern as to how things would go. Now, as I look back, I find it hard to believe the miracle that happened. The audience's reaction, both in Israel and around the world, made my heart beat faster and gave me the passion to continue doing what I do – make music.”

Idan Raichel – Piano – Songs allows people to discover anew the songs that have earned Idan Raichel devoted fans and collaborators across the globe.

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