

# Ofra Haza

Ofra Haza (1957-2000) was an Israeli Grammy nominated singer and actress. Haza was an Israeli Yemenite- born in Tel Aviv, Israel.

Her surname- הַזָּה derives from the town 'לְחַג' in Yemen where Haza's family is originally from. They were the only Jewish family in that town.

Her music was a fusion of traditional Yemenite music and modern western music. She became known as the "Madonna of the Middle East".



Ofra Haza represented Israel in the Eurovision contest in 1983 and won second place with her song "Hi". Her breakthrough as a singer happened after she released her album "Yemenite songs" "נְשִׁירֵי תֵימָן". In the album, Haza sang Yemenite songs from her childhood that featured authentic Middle Eastern and classical instruments.

Ofra died in 2000, but the legacy of her music has lived on. In 2023, Rolling Stone Magazine, named her in their 200 greatest singers of all time.



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