

Bride Song

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CMJ UK is blessed by having amongst its supporters', people who are very talented creative and performance artists. Three years ago God brought two such people together to explore the possibility of staging a dramatic presentation the purpose of which would be to share the Gospel firstly with Jewish people and also with Gentiles. The starting point was a series of beautiful paintings originally commissioned by a Messianic couple for their wedding chupah and based on the Song of Songs. The paintings and the drama which was subsequently constructed, tell the story of God's love affair with the Jewish people and through them, with all mankind. Using Scripture as the basis, a script was written and songs composed by the third member of the team. Dance was added and gradually, with the inclusion of projected images, the whole work came together.

CMJ could see the potential for this work as a creative tool in evangelism and a production team came together believing that the stage production of this work, entitled 'Bride Song', will make the whole story of God's dealings with the Jewish people accessible to them in a different and powerful way. Knowing the love many Jewish people have for the Arts we felt sure that a high quality work of this kind would fascinate them and that with the anointing of the Holy Spirit, their hearts would be touched.

A team of 60 dancers, actors, musicians and technicians have been working for over a year to bring about the premiere of 'Bride Song' at the CMK UK International Conference in July 2011 at Swanwick in Derbyshire. It has always been our desire to make this work available to as wide an audience as possible so we are producing a full production pack for others to use in live performances with a professional CD of the songs and soundtrack. In addition a professional DVD of this performance will be available in high definition. This DVD can then be shown to groups or churches or given to individual Jewish people to watch in their homes.

I would like to share with you a short promotional DVD from first the production to give you a taste of 'Bride Song'. We will welcome an opportunity to talk with you about how to use this creative tool for Jewish evangelism. We are keen to have this resource used by other ministries as part of an armoury of strategies for creating opportunities through which God might touch the hearts of Jewish people and bring them to encounter Yeshua – their Messiah.

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