

# HADAR ORSHALIMY

## BIO

From nuclear, biological, and chemical warfare defense trainer to contemporary Jewish music touring artist, to singing Jazz standards for Barack Obama, New York City based vocalist, songwriter, and performer Hadar has one of the most diverse and interesting career trajectories in the music business today.

Born and raised in Tel Aviv, Hadar's early singing career began with appearances on national Israeli television, radio, and sporting events, including the first season of Israeli Idol. Upon completing her mandatory army service, Hadar spent two years at the Rimon School of Jazz and Contemporary Music in Tel Aviv before completing her degree at Berklee College of Music in Boston, where she graduated with honors.

Since moving to NYC in 2006, Hadar has established herself as a prolific songwriter and recording artist. She has credits on more than ten commercial releases and four placements in film and TV, most notably in the hit Netflix series, *Startup*, starring Adam Brody, Martin Freeman & Ron Perlman. As a touring artist, Hadar has made over 80 appearances across the country each year as a solo artist and with her two side projects "We Are The Northern Lights" and "Hadar and Sheldon."

In 2018, Hadar was invited to perform at receptions for an international speaker series featuring Barack Obama, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, Madeleine Albright, Nikki Haley, and Ehud Barak to name a few. While rehearsing tunes from the "Great American Songbook" in support of these gigs, Hadar was inspired by the outsized contribution of Jewish songwriters to Jazz music and "The Standards." Less than six weeks later, Hadar finished recording her Jazz debut album titled "It Never Was You" featuring 10 of the most iconic Jazz Standards written by Jewish songwriters. The album was released in December of 2019 and positively received by numerous American and Israeli media outlets.

In 2020, when the pandemic began, Hadar stayed busy taking her talents online and performing the "It Never Was You" storyteller concert to viewers on more than 4500 devices across the country. Hadar also partnered with her husband Sheldon Low to create, produce, and perform an annual virtual concert and fundraiser called "Yom Ha'atzmaut Across North America" which has gathered more than 120 participating communities in the US and Canada and raised over \$42k for Covid and hunger relief.

In the Fall of 2021, Hadar began working on "Witchcraft - The Women of the Great American Songbook" as a follow up to "It Never Was You." Slated for release in the Fall of 2023, "Witchcraft" will highlight the contribution of women writers to the Great American Songbook.

Hadar lives in beautiful Harlem, New York with her husband Sheldon Low and six-month old daughter.



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