

# Sarah Aroeste

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## **Praise for Aroeste:**

Latin music that breaks barriers and pushes boundaries.  
- NPR, *June 2012*

Groundbreaking - Lilith, *Sept 2017*

## **Sarah Aroeste**

Determined to bring **Ladino (Judeo-Spanish)** culture to a new audience, Sarah Aroeste, an international *Ladino* singer/songwriter, author and speaker, draws upon her Sephardic family roots from **Greece** and **Macedonia** (via **Medieval Spain**) to present programs of traditional and original *Ladino* songs with her unique blend of rock, pop, and jazz. Since 2001, Aroeste has toured the globe performing and speaking, and has recorded seven albums, from *Gracia* (2012), Aroeste's original rock homage to 15th-century Sephardic heroine, Dona Gracia Naci, to *Ora de Despertar* (2016), the first-ever all-original Ladino children's album, and *Monastir* (2021), an international musical homage to a Sephardic Balkan city of yesteryear. In 2014 Aroeste won the Sephardic prize at the International Jewish Music Festival in **Amsterdam**, and in 2015 she represented the USA in the International Sephardic Music Festival in **Cordoba, Spain**. In addition to writing music, Aroeste has published numerous articles and essays about Sephardic cultural preservation, and pens Sephardic-themed books for children. Her book, *Buen Shabat, Shabbat Shalom* (Kar-Ben and PJ Library), the first bilingual Ladino/English board book, was published March 2020. Bringing Ladino words and music to young and old, Aroeste has garnered wide critical acclaim for her efforts in introducing Sephardic culture to wider audiences.

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## 2021-2022 Virtual Program Offerings

Since the onset of COVID-19, Aroeste has given virtual concerts and workshops for countless synagogues, museums, arts organizations, schools, web media platforms, PJ Library groups and more - all across the globe.

**Full Concerts:** A journey of Ladino songs from past to present.

**Ladino “101” Workshops** (note that this program is adaptable for middle school, high school, college and adult audiences) - an interactive, mixed-media program that integrates a brief history of Sephardic Jewry with Ladino language, music and written traditions.



**Children’s Programs:** 30-minute interactive programs centered around Sephardic customs and songs for Shabbat or a specific holiday, or based on Aroeste’s signature *Ora de Despertar* children’s program. All classes include story, music, movement, Ladino word games and more!



**Signature “Cook and Sings”:** an interactive program that combines learning the history of a beloved Sephardic food, and singing Ladino songs while we cook it! Ingredients and song-sheets are sent ahead of program.



*Aroeste can plan a unique and engaging Sephardic/Ladino enrichment program to meet your institution’s needs. Please contact [music@saraharoeste.com](mailto:music@saraharoeste.com) to discuss!*

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