

# JAFFA ROAD

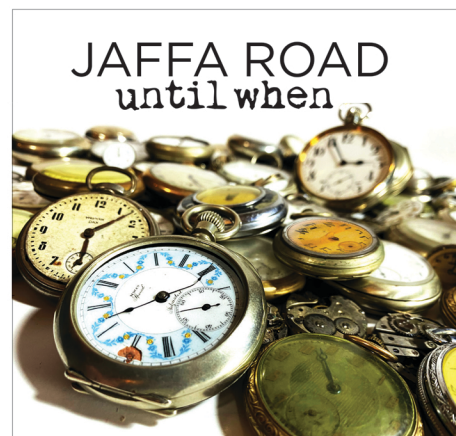
Award-winning roots music from the global crossroads

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**Jaffa Road** is an acclaimed Toronto-based ensemble made up of some of Canada's most exciting and innovative interpreters of intercultural music. Their music takes listeners on a journey that is at once ancient and modern, acoustic and electronic, sacred and secular, blending influences and inspirations from the worlds of Jewish music, classical Arabic and Indian music, modern jazz, electronica, rock, pop, and dub. Their sound is ignited by the ethereal vocals of **Tamar Ilana**, the evocative *oud* & guitar playing of the band's founder **Aaron Lightstone**, the visionary grooves of **Justin Gray** (bass and bass veena), the exhilarating sounds of saxophonist/flautist **Sundar Viswanathan** and the driving beat of drummer & percussionist **Rakesh Tewari**. Along with a cadre of top-notch guest artists, these stellar musicians challenge accepted notions of Jewish music while creating a new form of expression that breaks cultural boundaries.

In 2013, they won the Canadian Folk Music Award for World Music Group of the Year and been nominated for two Canadian Juno Awards for Best World Music Album. The band has recently finished their much-anticipated third album ***Until When*** and are planning for its release in the fall of 2021. The band's trailblazing musical odyssey has taken them to festivals and theatres across North America and Brazil.

**“Jaffa Road plumbs the history of diverse cultures for inspiration, reviving ancient wisdom in ways resonant with a cosmopolitan city like contemporary Toronto...there are ideas there that apply as much to the making of a community, and a world, as they do to making music.” - The Toronto Star**



NEW ALBUM *UNTIL WHEN*  
COMING IN OCTOBER 2021



L-R: Aaron Lightstone (oud, guitars & synthesizers), Shawn Rompre (special guest, electronics & electronic percussion), Tamar Ilana (lead vocals), Rakesh Tewari (drums & percussion), Justin Gray (bass & bass veena), Sundar Viswanathan (saxes, bansuri, & vocals)