

OPEN DOOR

India.Arie and Idan Raichel

“Raichel’s classical, melodic piano playing combines with Arie’s folk and gospel-inspired lyrics to strike a tender, emotional chord.”

- **Rodney Carmichael, *Creative Loafing Atlanta***

"A gentle genius lives in the mind, voice and hands of this woman."

- **Stevie Wonder**

“Raichel's alternately atmospheric and high-flying keyboard runs, deft dynamics and skipping poly-rhythms charge his well-written material.

- **John Payne, *Los Angeles Times***

Open Door is the highly anticipated new project from Grammy-award winning singer/songwriter India.Arie. In this fresh musical offering, Arie partners with Israeli artist **Idan Raichel** – a driving force in contemporary world music - to create a cross-genre collection of songs that are poignantly relevant to a global audience. In a stripped down setting, emboldened by their cause, the two artists confidently deliver one of the most honest musical expressions to have reached the stage in years.

Arie’s smoldering voice and broad appeal have helped her sell more than 8 million albums worldwide. From the moment that her first single *Video* and her multi-platinum debut album *Acoustic Soul* were released in 2001, her ascent into the mainstream consciousness was rapid, establishing an extraordinary bond of trust, affection and communication with her followers. Arie traveled to Israel in 2008 and met producer, and composer Idan Raichel, whose entrancing recordings with the prolific **Idan Raichel Project** have now gone triple-platinum. Together, they have since written more than fourteen tracks and have performed together onstage at the Nobel Peace Prize Ceremony in Oslo, Norway; the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C.; and New York’s Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York City. At a private listening show held last summer in Atlanta, the artists debuted *Open Door*, an album’s worth of emotionally stirring material.

Open Door delivers consistent themes of acceptance and unity that lay the foundation for an impassioned body of work. This penetrating collection forges cultural divides and exemplifies the raw power of open, simple production. Arie has found in Raichel a self-described “musical soul mate” who breathes new life into her signature brand of raw, empowered soulful R&B/pop/folk music. *Open Door* is a stunning array of effortlessly blended styles that Arie describes as, “the most authentic musical expression of my life thus far.” The authentic East-meets-West experience features minimal production; piano, percussion, strings, winds, and multilingual lyrics sung in Hebrew and English. With an album release set for Summer 2011, the *Open Door* project will tour the US in Summer and Fall 2011.