



Norma Gentile

soprano

My joy is to create sacred space through music, silence and candlelight. The music that comes through me helps people find that deep, still place inside of their bodies. Sometimes this is by my singing alone, using Tibetan bowls, or having those present participate. I love to ask people to hum and allow my voice to weave the mystical medieval chants of Hildegard around their humming. Sometimes I invite those present to sing short, repetitive phrases, and let those that can harmonize and build beyond what might be expected.

I use my voice as a conscious vehicle for spirit. In speaking or singing, the sound of the human voice is a medium upon which spirit moves. I use 900-year-old chants, written by a woman from Germany, Hildegard of Bingen as the basis for my concerts. I find each of her chants to open a doorway to spirit. Each song acts as a blueprint for a possibility that those listening can choose to embody. As I sing, I feel and see the energy patterns in the room clear, as one by one clouds seem to lift off of those listening.

BIOGRAPHY

Ms. Gentile holds a Master's degree in Voice Performance, has recorded four solo CDs of chant by Hildegard von Bingen, authors a monthly column, and is a professional intuitive sound healer. She has appeared on CBS TV, demonstrating live the properties of Gregorian style chant to relax the physical body, and has been profiled by NPR's [All Things Considered](#), and the [Toronto Star](#) Newspaper. Her concerts and recordings of Hildegard's music have garnered acclaim from both spiritual and classical music reviewers for the intimacy and clarity which her singing reveals in the music. (see quotes below).

Norma's healing abilities are recounted in Brooke Medicine Eagle's book, "The Last Ghost Dance". Her recordings of Hildegard von Bingen's chants include *Meditation Chants*, *Unfurling Love's Creation*, *Healing Chants*, and the just completed album *Viriditas*, recorded in an historic church lying deep within the Andes Mountains.

PUBLIC EVENTS

Meditation Concert of Chants by Hildegard von Bingen
Workshop – Sound Shamanism (Healing with Sacred Sound)
Workshop – Singing the Chants of Hildegard

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