



GYPSY SOUL

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Music creates the most immediate avenue for connecting with the depths of one's being and the soul-awareness of others. It allows the creator and the listener permission to feel openly, free from the confines of the analytical mind, prejudice and learned behaviors.

When I am writing and performing I unfold into a place in my own sacred pool where my life experience, emotions, and feelings float like giant water lilies and surround me with my essence and Source. This creative home is where my devotional and spiritual practice grows.

Music is my meditation and prayer. I know that I have tapped into my deepest self when I give my heart up to the music and am no longer simply singing, but have become the music. As long as I get out of my own way, I reap profound healing benefits from the communication of the songs and the passionate exchange with listeners. It is a deep honor to share in those moments of feeling the open hearts of an appreciative audience.

Music transports us to dimensions beyond the imagined. It is an unfiltered expression which is simply known at a primal, cellular level and that which just words can not express. Music creates a vast and yet intimate bond

that when shared, a potent, timeless journey is experienced where all who are willing to jump on board are forever changed in the process.

ROMAN MORYKIT MUSICIAN AND CO-PRODUCER

Music has a way of slipping past everyone's defense mechanisms and prejudice to that inner place where we feel and find peace and clarity whether we're aware of it or not. Music, perhaps more than any other art medium, is able to connect us with that place within ourselves and also that place in others, whether we're listening to it or not.

With visual art for instance, if you don't want to look at it, you can simply close your eyes. With music, even if you block your ears, you can still feel the pulse and rhythm of the music. It's perhaps why music has always been such an integral part of every culture's spiritual ceremonies. Music connects people in such a profound way that you don't even have to know what the language is to be touched by the intent of the music. That is what music is for me: a way to connect, firstly with myself which in turn is connecting with all things, if I'm open to it, and then a way of connecting with others.

Music is my meditation. I was always somewhat envious of my friends who could sit and meditate every day until one of them asked me, "What exactly do you think you're doing when you sit and play in your studio for hours at a time losing all track of time?" I think that you'd be hard pressed to find anyone in this world that has never been moved by a piece of music at some point in their life.