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11.02.2007 | Campus and Community, Fine Arts, Culture and Society  Maria Krupoves and Gerard Edery will bring chants, prayers and European and Middle Eastern music traditions to the University of Dayton Arts Series.

The two accomplished guitarists and vocalists will perform 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, in Kennedy Union's Boll Theatre. The program, entitled Two Faiths, One Voice, will honor both Christianity and Judaism as Krupoves and Edery perform works drawn from the Sephardic Diaspora – the period following the expulsion of the Jews from Christian Spain in the late 15th century.

Krupoves is a native of Lithuania and is an interpreter of folksongs from Central and Eastern Europe. A professor at Vilinus University, she has traveled to preserve folk songs in many languages such as Yiddish, Polish and Lithuanian. Krupoves has performed with the BBC, for UNESCO and has recorded three compact discs.

The Seattle Jewish Transcript and The New York Jewish Week call Gerard Edery "A cultural powerhouse." Born in Casablanca and raised in Paris and New York City, Edery was trained as a classical baritone at The Manhattan School of Music. Edery is also an acclaimed cantor who has performed in synagogues across the United States and Canada.

Krupoves and Edery will be joined by bassist Danny Zanker and violist Meg Okura.

The Levin Family Foundation provided funding for the event with additional program support from the Dayton Christian Jewish Dialogue.

Tickets are $14 for the public, $8 for UD faculty, staff and alumni and $5 for students. For tickets, call the UD box office at 937-229-2545.