

Newton Public Schools' Creative Arts and Sciences Committee Fall Concert Series Program 2013-2014 for Grades K-8

Klezmer Conservatory Band at Oak Hill Middle School October 17th

The Klezmer Conservatory Band presents educational programs on Klezmer and Yiddish music. The goal of the presentation is to maintain awareness of the musical tradition of the Eastern European Jewish immigrants. This educational program introduces the Yiddish language, looks into the varied cultural sources out of which Klezmer music arose, and explores the uses of music in the home, at celebrations and in the workplace. The musical instruments are presented as they might sound in their conventional settings, such as symphony orchestras or jazz ensembles, and as they sound in a Klezmer group. The band members' years of studying and performing this music will allow the students to have direct contact with Yiddish culture.

Throughout the program, Klezmer invites the audience to participate by asking questions, singing along to songs of love and work, and clapping to traditional children's songs. By the end of the program, the audience will have had a glimpse of Yiddish culture through its music.

Itzhak Perlman & The Klezmer Conservatory Band

In the mid-1990's the ever musically restless Itzhak Perlman began his ongoing exploration of Klezmer music by recording and touring with the Klezmer Conservatory Band and three other leading proponents of the Klezmer music revival, the Klezmatiks, with KCB alumnus Frank London, Brave Old World, led by KCB alumnus Alan Bern and Andy Statman. Two recordings, *In The Fiddler's House* and *Live in the Fiddler's House* and tours around the US and performances in Mexico City and, more recently, Moscow, Russia resulted from this collaboration.



"... the ensemble's uninhibited verve translates into any language and will no doubt leave anyone inclined to dance along gasping for air."

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