

KLEZMERQUERQUE 2024 -- The 22nd Annual KlezmerQuerque Schedule of Events

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March 1, 2024 Friday 6:30-9:00 PM (doors open at 6:00pm)

DER FREYLEKHER SHABES - FREE KLEZMERQUERQUE FESTIVAL OPENING EVENT

Come to all or any part of the evening's festivities! From 6:30-7:30PM Cantor Beth Cohen, The Nahalat Shalom Community Klezmer Band, Rikud dancers & special guest Jewish dance leader Avia Moore will lead our joyous danceable klezmer Shabes Service which includes prayers from Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv. **Maggidah Batya Podos** will also treat us to an inspiring story.

At 7:30pm the VEGETARIAN POTLUCK dinner will begin—bring a dish to share. At 8:00pm, The Rebbe's Orkestra-ABQ's own Klezmer & Judaic Band will give a brief performance of Jewish music from the Mizrahi tradition: a Syrian Hanuka pizmon and a classical middle-eastern belly dance suite—dancers, bring your veils and finger cymbals! Then, our featured guest artists **Deborah Strauss** (violin, accordion, vocals, dance) and **Cantor Jeff Warschauer** (guitar, mandolin, vocals) will treat us to a brief performance. The evening will conclude with traditional Jewish dancing led by **Avia Moore & Rikud** to music by **the Community Klezmer Band**. **FREE event, but donations are appreciated and encouraged!**

SATURDAY MARCH 2nd

10am-11:30am: Chanting morning Shabbat service with Miriyam Levy: 'Going Deep with Davennen' (in the Sanctuary AND on ZOOM). The service will be contemplative as we take time to enter the liturgy through chant, then pause in the silence long enough to allow for an unfolding of possibilities and to develop the skillful practice that allows for Shabbat consciousness to flourish. **FREE**.

7:00-9:30pm (6:30pm-doors open) -- Concert & Dance Party! (\$18-advance / \$20—at the door):

Efnt Dem Toyer: Open the Gate! The beloved **Strauss/Warschauer Duo**: Deborah Strauss (violin, accordion, vocals, dance) and Cantor Jeff Warschauer (guitar, mandolin, vocals), offers a special concert about love, unity, and the strength of **Di Goldene Keyt**, the golden chain of Yiddish culture that spans the generations. After the concert and a brief intermission (snacks/merch in the gallery), join in the dancing with guest artist Jewish dance leader **Avia Moore** to the klezmer music of ABQ's own **The Rebbe's Orkestra!**

SUNDAY MARCH 3rd – Dance & Music Workshops with guest artists (Each session: \$18-advance/ \$20—at the door):

10:30am-11:30am Session #1 (in Bayt Bracha): Dance/Warm up workshop with Avia Moore. In this gentle morning warm-up, we will think about how we can take care of ourselves and of each other as we dance. How can we adjust dances so that we treat our bodies gently when we need to? We will work with balance, tempo, and style, and practice strategies for dancing without injury.

11:30am-1pm – BREAK FOR LUNCH OUT

1:30-3pm (1pm-doors open) Session #2 - Music OR Dance workshop-choose one (\$18-advance/ \$20-door):

Yiddish Songs and Melodies of Nature: Music, nature, and Yiddish go hand in hand! **Join the Strauss/Warschauer Duo** for a workshop of Yiddish and Hasidic songs and melodies, both old and new, that celebrate the arrival of spring. All are welcome. No knowledge of Yiddish or previous experience necessary.

Core Yiddish Dance Repertoire with Avia Moore: In this workshop, we will focus on the steps, styles, and embellishments of dances at the heart of the Yiddish dance repertoire. From circle dances like the zhok to square dances like the sher, this essential repertoire is rich and varied. This repertoire workshop is open to new dancers, experienced dancers, and even those that think they aren't dancers.

3-3:30pm in GALLERY: Snacks, hot water (tea, coffee), water, juice, drinks. **Donations appreciated!**

3:30-5:15pm, Session #3 -Music OR Dance workshops (followed by 'zeyt qezints/ farewells' until 5:15'ish) -choose one:

Yiddish Songs and Klezmer Instrumental Melodies of Ukraine: During difficult times, music can lift our spirits and connect us to one another across time and space. In this workshop, we'll honor the deep roots of Yiddish and yidishkayt in Ukraine. Taught in a lively, integrated approach—a marriage of instruments, singing and movement—this workshop is for singers, instrumentalists, and dancers of all levels. No knowledge of Yiddish or previous experience necessary (Strauss/ Warschauer Duo). (\$18/ \$20)

Dance Repertoire from Our Neighbours: In this workshop we will learn dances that entered the Yiddish dance repertoire from neighbouring communities and urban contexts. We will learn cosmopolitan social dances like the waltz, social mixers such as korobushka, and fast circle dances like the sirba. This repertoire workshop is open to new dancers, experienced dancers, and even those that think they aren't dancers. (\$18/\$20)

5:30-6pm Clean up/ close festival: SANCTUARY, BAYT BRACHA, GALLERY & RABBI'S STUDY -ALL of NS property. Thank you!!