



MAXWELL STREET KLEZMER BAND CHICAGO

Concert

Sunday, March 15, 2020

At the Polish Center of Wisconsin

1:30 p.m

Admission \$13⁰⁰ Members \$15⁰⁰ Non-Members

Tickets on sale Jan. 13, 2020 at www.polishcenterofwisconsin.org

Tickets also available at the door.



Arrive by 1:30 to hear Lori Lippitz, the band's founder, speak about the history of Klezmer music in Poland. The band performs after her speech at approximately 2:00.

Klezmer Music is the traditional folk music of the Jews of Eastern Europe. The "Pale of Settlement" in which they lived encompassed Poland, Ukraine, Lithuania, Romania, and Russia. Originating in the 1600s, it spread across Eastern Europe where it was essential for weddings. Klezmer Music can be joyous, plaintive, sad, and funny--all at the same time.

With the pogroms that caused a wave of Eastern European Jewish immigration in the 1800s, Klezmer Music came to America's shores and soon incorporated Jazz and Swing--and had an influence on American pop music at the same time, from Benny Goodman to the Andrews Sisters' Bei Mir Bistu Shein. After all but dying out in the 1960s, Klezmer Music was revived in the 1980s by young Jewish musicians across the country.

In the Midwest, Maxwell Street Klezmer Band became one of the true Klezmer "Big Bands," recalling the rich, jazzy sounds of the Swing Era. For our show today, a Sextet from Maxwell Street takes the stage to showcase the artistry of the clarinet, the violin, and vocal duets. Take some time to visit the band's website, www.klezmerband.com to learn more. If you have attended a performance of or saw the movie Fiddler on the Roof, you will thoroughly enjoy this performance, which will highlight the contributions of Polish culture to the song of the Klezmer.



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