

# Maxwell Street Klezmer Band

*The Premiere Jewish Musical & Cultural Experience*



- Chicago's own Klezmer Revival band since 1983 and still going strong
- Master musicians and engaging entertainers
- Programs customized to audiences of all ages and backgrounds

**“It was wonderful to hear Chicago's Maxwell Street Klezmer Band cut loose so exuberantly...[They] brought the audience to its feet, cheering its approval.”**

*-John von Rhein, Music Critic, Chicago Tribune*

Chicago's **Maxwell Street Klezmer Band** plays lively Eastern European Jewish folk music that combines Old World melodies with Jazz Age rhythms and contemporary energy. Classical sophistication meets theatrical fun in an engaging performance filled with joy, soul, and humor. Steeped in rich traditions of Chicago jazz, a polished, horn-driven sound sets it apart from other bands.

## Performance Highlights:

- Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center
- Barbican Centre, London
- Lyric Opera, Chicago: *The Property, a New Klezmer Opera*
- Chicago Sinfonietta, Symphony Center: *Klezmer Rhapsody*



## What Is Klezmer Music?

In the 18th century, Jewish musicians crossed Eastern Europe, playing for weddings and other celebrations. The musical style that emerged was a cross-fertilization of Chassidic (Jewish) and Roma (Gypsy) folk styles called “klezmer,” a Yiddish word meaning “folk musician.” *The Fiddler on the Roof— he was a klezmer!*

Jewish immigrants blended this folk style with classic jazz in the first decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> century to create a rollicking, uniquely American sound. Maxwell Street Klezmer Band adds its own classical and contemporary imagination to reinvent the tradition.

## Performance Options

- Concerts for Performance Series and Festivals; Entertainment for Private and Corporate Events
- Concerts and Lectures for Schools, Colleges, Libraries, Organizations, Community Centers, etc.
- Music and Dance Workshops with master klezmer musicians and dance leaders
- *The Whole Megillah: The Story of Yiddish Theater*, a multimedia educational presentation

We offer programs to meet all needs and budgets. You'll call, we'll talk!

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