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The 19th Annual KlezmerQuerque festival presents three days of klezmer music, dance, workshops, performances, presentations and more!

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Albuquerque, New Mexico – Nahalat Shalom will present The 19th Annual KlezmerQuerque - festival of klezmer, music, dance, art and culture, LIVE on ZOOM from February 12-14 over Presidents' day weekend. The festival features over a dozen musicians, dance masters, artists, storytellers and scholars from coast to coast - across the USA including New Mexico.

KlezmerQuerque is an internationally recognized festival of klezmer music, dance and Yiddish culture. Klezmer is the traditional Jewish instrumental music and dance historically based in the wedding traditions from Eastern Europe. KlezmerQuerque presents three days of Klezmer and traditional Jewish music, dance, concerts, storytelling, lectures/presentations, Shabbat services and workshops via Zoom.

Festival highlights include performances on Friday and Saturday evenings February 12th and 13th - live via Zoom and some videos. New interpretations of traditional dance, music and storytelling will be presented by guest artists including violinist Steve Greenman (Cleveland, OH), the band Veretski Pass (Berkeley, CA), Storyteller Batya Podos (Albuquerque, NM), Yiddish dance master Steve Weintraub (Philadelphia, PA), the two New Mexico-based klezmer bands Duke City Hora and Mayven Music, and a Jewish Dance Party led by dance master, actor and director Bruce Bierman (Berkeley, CA). On Sunday, February 14th from 10:00 AM until 4:20 PM, eleven workshops, classes, lectures and presentations will take place over 6 different sessions. In honor of Black history month, the festival is featuring the lecture-presentation "The Lost World of African-American Cantors 1915-1953" with musicologist-historian Henry Sapoznik (New York, NY) from 11:00 AM-12:15 PM. Immediately following that lecture will be: "Papercutting – A Jewish Folk Art" featuring the work and life of local artist-presenter Diane (Dena) Palley. Festival attendees will also choose between music and dance - and Yiddish song and storytelling.

For registration information, guest artist biographies, a full schedule of events and to purchase tickets, please visit: www.nahalatshalom.org/klezmerquerque. Ticket prices range from \$0.00 (free) to \$342.00. KlezmerQuerque is an official event of Nahalat Shalom, a non-profit organization. Nahalat Shalom, 3606 Rio Grande Blvd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107
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