

20 Years of Cutting-Edge Klezmer

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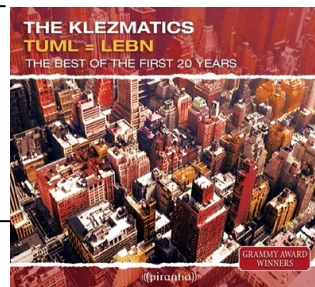
The Klezmatics

Title:

Tuml = Lebn

Subtitle:

THE BEST OF THE FIRST 20 YEARS



Short-info:

In the course of over twenty years since their first success at Berlin's Heimatklänge, The Klezmatics have performed in over 20 countries and released numerous albums of wild, provocative, reflective, ecstatically danceable music which transcends traditional labels. They've collaborated with numerous luminaries including Arlo Guthrie, Itzhak Perlman, Allen Ginsberg and Pulitzer Prize Winning playwright Tony Kushner. The Klezmatics have reached millions through radio and TV appearances such as on "Sex and the City" and have received numerous awards including a Grammy Award and the German Critics Award (twice).

Quotes:

"If you can hear this music and not see God, you are fucking blind!" *Robin Williams*

"Klezematics are Classical and Pop avant guard, exquisite professional musicians capable of quick study, sprightly brilliant tuneful funny outrageous and sweet" *Allen Ginsberg*

Titles:

1. NY Psycho Freylekhs (New York Jewish Crazy-Dance) (trad./arr. Klezmatics) 4:56
2. Shprayz ikh mir (Going For a Stroll) (S. Kahn/E. Teitelbaum/trad./arr. Klezmatics) 3:05
3. Shvarts un vays (Black and White) (F. London) 4:55
4. Man in a Hat (David Lindsay/trad./Klezmatics) 3:02
5. Fun Tashlikh (At the casting away of sins) (trad./arr. F. London w/Klezmatics) 5:48
6. Ershter Vals (First Waltz) (Chaim Towber/trad./arr. Klezmatics) 4:06
7. Perets-tants (Y.L. Peretz's Dance) (F. London) 3:33
8. Shnirele, Perele (Little String, Little Pearl) (trad./arr. Klezmatics) 6:11
9. Bulgars # 2 (Tantsn un shpringen) (Dancing and Jumping) (Joseph Moskowitz/Lisa Gutkin/Abe Schwartz/Klezmatics) 4:52
10. Dzhankoye (trad./arr. Klezmatics) 2:57
11. Davenen (Prayer) (F. London) 4:01
12. Kats un moyz (Cat and mouse) (F. London) 5:17
13. Mizmor shir lehanef (Reefer Song: A Psalm, a Song of Hemp) (Michael Wex/F. London) 5:16
14. Fisherlid (Fisher's song) (Aliza Greenblatt/trad./F. London) 8:34
15. Sirba Matey Matey (trad./arr. Matt Darriau) 4:09
16. Ale brider - live (We're all Brothers and Sisters) (trad./arr. Klezmatics) 5:48

The Klezmatics are: Kurt Bjorling:clarinet (6/10); Matt Darriau:clarinet, bass clarinet, alto sax, kaval, flutes, groggers, percussion, vocals (2/3/7/9/11-13/15/16);Lisa Gutkin:violin, baritone violin, vocals (7/9/11/12/16); David Krakauer: clarinet, bass clarinet, vocals (1/4/5/8/14); David Licht: drums, percussion, vocals (1-16); Frank London: trumpet, cornet, alto horn, flugelhorn, piano, organ, keyboards, groggers, percussion, accordion, vocals (1-16); Paul Morrisett: electric and acoustic basses, piano, violin, hardanger fiddle, hurdy-gurdy, alto and baritone horns, tsimbl, fujara, nyenyere, vocals (1-16);Lorin Sklamberg: lead vocals, accordion, high-strung guitar, piano, keyboards, accordion (1-16) Alicia Sigals: violin, vocals (1-6/8/10/13-15)

Guests: Alan Bern, accordion (1); BETTY (Amy Ziff, Bitzy Ziff and Alyson Palmer), vocals (14) Ray "Chinito" Diaz, guiro (4); Mahmoud Fadl, percussion (5); Kathryn Farmer, vocals, piano, organ (16) Steven Greenman, violin (12); Tine Kindermann, vocals (8); John Medeski, Hammond organ (3, 13) MOXY FRÜVOUS (Mike Ford, Murray Foster, Jian Ghomeshi and David Matheson), vocals (2, 4) Joshua Nelson, lead vocals, piano, organ (16); Avram Pengas, bouzouki (13); Marc Ribot, electric guitar (14); Steve Sandberg, piano (12); Rob Schwimmer, keyboards (11)

Sales points and good reasons to play this album

- The Klezmatics are known by millions through "Sex in the City" appearance
- Tuml = Lebn contains the best of 2 decades of outstanding musical output
- The Klezmatics are on tour in Europe and USA, now until April 2009
- Features impressive guest appearances such as Marc Ribot & John Medeski,

TOURDATES in Germany (more Europe/USA dates at www.folkloreproductions.com):

27.10.08 Hamburg-Fabrik / 29.10.08 Frankfurt-Heilig-Geist Kirche / 30.10.08 Karlsruhe-Tollhaus / 31.10.08 Erfurt-Gewerkschaftshaus / 01.11.08 Plauen-Malzhaus / 02.11.08 Nuremberg-Villa Leon / 03.11.08 München-Postpalast / 07.11.08 Leverkusen / 08.11.08 Bochum-Christuskirche / 09.11.08 Berlin-Kesselhaus

► Full English information booklet at

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Production info

Produced by Robert Musso (2,3,13,15); Hijaz "Hirsh-leyb" Mustapha (4,14); Sabah Habas Mustapha (1,5,8); Volker Präkelt, Michael Kurzawa & Frank London (6,10); Ben Wisch (7,9,11,12)

Mastering by E. Köhler, Powerplay, Berlin, Jul 2007

Artwork by Elephant & Castle

Photos by Albert J. Winn ('88-'89), Michael Macioce ('89-'95), L.Omo ('94-'01), Joshua Kessler (inlay back)

Executive production by Brigitte Bieg & Borkowsky Akbar

Recommended listening: Titles

1 and 8 available as real audio sound examples on www.piranha.de/records

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