

## **KLEZMER MUSIC RESOURCES - a start-by Lionel Mrocki**

### **RECORDED MUSIC**

Here are some names to look for (on-line ordering, or independent record stores are best)

1. **Early recordings 1920s** Dave Tarras, Naftule Brandwein - Clarinet, Abe Schwartz - Violin
2. **1930s-`50s** eg Klezmer Plus, Epstein Brothers, Shloime Beckerman, Sam Musiker
3. **1970s Klezmer revival bands** , Kapelye, Klezmer Conservatory Band, (The Klezmorim), Andy Statman,
4. **Contemporised Klezmer**; often including fusion with jazz, rock, "av ant-garde" other world music styles. Klezematics, Finjan, Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band, Don Byron, Salomon Klezmorim, Dave Krakauer
5. **New European Roots / Old World "revisited"** : Budowitz, Brave Old World (earlier material), Di Naye Kapelye (Hungary) Chicago Klezmer Ensemble, Alicia Svigals (Fidl) Margot Leverett (Clarinet) Itzhak Perlman's "Live in the Fiddlers House", Merlin Shepherd (Clarinet)
6. **Radio 365 and Radio@Netscape** have on-line free streaming klezmer stations (often including other forms of Jewish Music. NB, Errors in discography/titles have been noted)

### **SHEET MUSIC**

Sheet music is of limited value. Try and listen as much as possible. Like most folk music, what's written down is only a guide or one person's interpretation. To get a feel for ornamentation and phrasing listen repeatedly to the Old recordings or revival/traditionalist bands/recordings listed above at item 5.

**The Compleat Klezmer** : Tara Publications. Sapoznik/Sokolow. ISBN 0933676107(Companion cassette also avail.)

**Klezmer Collection for [key options] instruments** Stacey Phillips. Mel Bay Publications.

**Klezmer Plus! Folio** : Tara Publications, Sapoznik/Dion/Sokolow. +essays, band arrangements

**Kammen International Dance Folio no 1 and no 9.** J&J Kammen Music Co. 1920s and before

**Klezmer Music Fake Book Vol 1&2** with CDs , Sy Kushner via Web, [several keys]

**BOOKS / INFORMATION** -try local bookshop or Amazon.com

**Sapoznik H.** "Klezmer ! - Jewish Music from Old world to New world". Schirmer Books, 1999 ISBN\_0825671914 (Companion CD is available)

**Puwalski T.** "The Clarinetist's Guide to Learning Klezmer" Zephyr Publishing 2001 <http://www.vcisinc.com/clarinet.htm>

**Rogovoy S.** "The Essential Klezmer". Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill. 2000 ISBN 1565122445

**Statman Andy.** "Learn to Play Klezmer Music", Improvising in the tradition (Video tutorial) Woodstock NY Homespun Video

**ORDERING INFORMATION** (places to get C.D.s, sheet music, books...)

Melbourne: [Golds Judaica Book and Gift Co.Pty Ltd](#), 36 William St. Balaclava VIC. 03.9527.8775

Allans Music (and others) sometimes stock Compleat Klezmer and others, but don't count on it!

Workmen's Circle Book Centre, 45 East 33rd St, New York 10016 USA

Living Traditions 430 W 14th Street Room 514 NY, NY (Sponsors of "Klezkamp")

TARA MUSIC PO BOX 707, Owings Mills MD 21117 (good catalog)

### **THE WEB**

The global mega-site with heaps of links to bands, festivals, recordings, reviews, radio shows is run (passionately) at Ari Davidov's Klezmer Shack; [www.klezmershack.com](http://www.klezmershack.com)

Detailed site outlining Klezmer music characteristics and history: <http://borzykowski.users.ch/EnglMCKlezmer.htm>

TARA music publishers [www.jewishmusic.com](http://www.jewishmusic.com)

Klezmer Clarinet Michele Gingras' article: <http://www.clarinet-saxophone.asn.au/articles/klezmer.pdf>

### **FESTIVALS**

New York KlezKamp celebrates it 21st annual event in December 2005

Vancouver (KlezKanada), Ukraine, Moscow and Tsfat (Israel) are regular.

Melbourne Yiddish and Film festivals sometimes feature klezmer film or musicians.

**LOCAL PERFORMERS** (usually presenting mix of klezmer and related styles)

**KLEZMANIA**; [www.klezmania.com.au](http://www.klezmania.com.au) (mailing list available) 03 9528 3331 (David Krycer)

Klezmeritis; Ernie Gruner ph: 03.9386.7108 [erniegru@mira.net](mailto:erniegru@mira.net) [www.erniegruner.com](http://www.erniegruner.com)

Spiel-Azoi (Melb)

The Klezmer Trio (Melb; private function band)

Monsieur Camembert (Sydney)

KaOZ Klezmer (Lismore NSW)

New Zealand: Chutzpah (Dunedin); Jews Brothers (Auckland)

### **WORKSHOPS**

Ernie Gruner ph: 03 9386 7108 [erniegru@mira.net](mailto:erniegru@mira.net) (Violinist; caters well for clarinet)