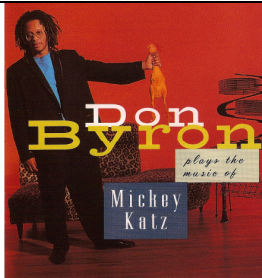


26th Jewish Music Festival

Festival Teaser:

Don Byron
plays the music of
Mickey Katz
Wednesday,
February 23, 8 pm
Freight & Salvage,
2020 Addison St



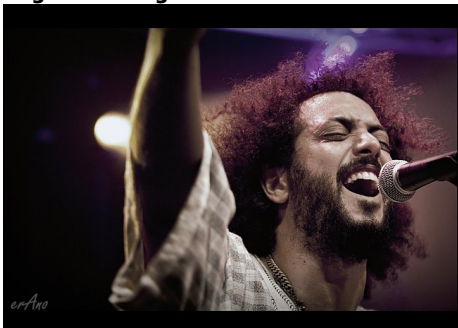
Contemporary jazz clarinetist and original front man of the Klezmer Conservatory Band, **Don Byron** leads this reunited swinging klezmer-jazz ensemble as they celebrate music and spirit of the great clarinetist, humorist, bandleader Mickey Katz.

Festival Highlights - Berkeley
March 5 – 13, 2011

Opening Night:

Yemen Blues

Bay Area Premiere - Direct from Israel
Saturday, March 5, 8 pm
Freight & Salvage



Ravid Kahalani (veteran of Israel's renowned Idan Raichel Project) brings together a nine-piece band to showcase the music of his Yemenite-Jewish heritage blended with blues, jazz, funk and West African grooves. Not to be missed!

Ger Mandolin Ensemble, 2011

Sunday, March 6, 2pm
Freight & Salvage



The pre-War spirit of the Jewish mandolin orchestra of Góra Kalwaria Poland (Ger in Yiddish), is celebrated through revival of vintage repertoire played by world-class mandolinists **Mike Marshall**, (music director) **Avi Avital**, and others.

Veretski Pass
Sunday, March 6, 7pm
Freight & Salvage



Recently relocated back to the bay area, **Veretski Pass** presents a unique combination of virtuosic musicianship and raw energy, playing "village-style" instrumentals originating from Ottoman Empire and Carpathian, Jewish and Rumanian traditional styles.

Noah Bendix-Bagley
Tuesday March 8, 7:30pm
The Crowden School,
1475 Rose Street



Thursday, March 10,
2pm, JCC of the East Bay

Bay Area native and Crowden alumnus **Noah Bendix-Bagley** takes on rarely heard works by composers from the **St. Petersburg Society for Jewish Folk Music**, a turn-of-the-century movement that incorporated Jewish folk music into European classical form. Accompanied by **Arkady Serper**, Piano.

Odessa/Havana
Sat, March 12, 8 pm
Berkeley Repertory Theater
Thrust Stage



Founder of Canada's top klezmer band, The Flying Bulgars, award-winning trumpeter and composer **David Buchbinder** teams up with the brilliant Cuban pianist and arranger **Hilario Durán** and top jazz and world musicians to present a high-powered collision of two great musical styles.

Festival Community Dance Party

Sunday, March 15, 4 pm
JCC of the East Bay

Featuring artists from 26th JMF and dance instruction from Erik Bendix, a leading specialist on traditional Jewish dance.

2011 JMF Commission World Premiere

"Orphic Machine"
Ben Goldberg Ensemble
Date and Venue to be
determined

Renowned for introducing post-modern jazz into the klezmer revival, clarinetist and composer **Ben Goldberg** has embarked



on a new project with a nine-piece ensemble featuring master jazz and contemporary musicians of the Bay Area and the downtown New York scene.