



Tonight at 8 p.m., in Wright Hall, Smith College Hillel presents the Klezmerim, a six-virtuoso old-time Jewish street jazz band from California. Tuba, trombone, clarinet, percussion, vocals and at least six other traditional instruments recreate a music uniting elements of Slavic, gypsy, Mediterranean, military and improvisatory styles in exuberant performance. Their two albums on Arhoolie Records invite the listener to "laugh a little, cry a little," but most especially to dance. I am willing to predict that we'll be dancing in the aisles.

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