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Global Arts Live presents Ezekiel's Wheels Klezmer Band Chanukkah Celebration

December 05, 3 & 7 pm Crystal Ballroom at the Somerville Theatre

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Boston, MA — **Global Arts Live** presents <u>Ezekiel's Wheels Klezmer Band</u> on Sunday, December 5, 3pm & 7pm at the <u>Crystal Ballroom at the Somerville Theatre</u>, 55 Davis Sq, Somerville, MA. Tickets are \$28- \$32, reserved cabaret seating. For tickets and information call Global Arts Live at 617.876.4275 or buy online at <u>globalartslive.org</u>.

Boston's internationally acclaimed Ezekiel's Wheels Klezmer Band brings passion, virtuosity, and energy to every performance with its irresistible contemporary interpretation of Jewish music. The group improvises with the intimacy of chamber music and the intensity of a rowdy dance band.

Ezekiel's Wheels features Abigale Reisman (violin, backing vocals), Jonathan Cannon (violin), Kirsten Lamb (double bass, lead vocals), Nat Seelen (clarinet), and Pete Fanelli (trombone). They have released 8 full albums and 1 EP. Their latest studio album, *The Thread*, was released at the end of 2019. Their two more recent albums, *Passover Party!* and *Khanike Chanukah Hannukah Janucá Party*, were recorded and produced from their separate homes during the heart of the pandemic.

The Wheels' unique style was forged in the subway stations and farmers' markets of Boston, where the informal setting and ever-changing audience created an ideal environment for musical experimentation. They honed their craft with bulgars and 90's pop covers for the morning rush hour and mixed doinas and zhoks with fresh produce on the weekends, building a community of fans and friends across the city. As their tightly coordinated but playful style matured, they moved on to larger and more discerning audiences, and in 2012 they won both the jury-awarded City Winery Prize for best klezmer ensemble and the Audience Pick Award at the third biennial International Jewish Music Festival in Amsterdam. This success opened a new chapter in the band's ongoing saga that included high-profile performances at the

Kennedy Center, the Shalin Liu Performance Center, and Yidstock. Over time, their repertoire grew to incorporate original as well as traditional instrumental tunes, and in 2017 it further expanded to include songs in Yiddish and English.

As their popularity with concert audiences grows, they maintain their connection to their klezmer roots by playing numerous weddings and other simchas, and by teaching the history, musical structure, and instrumental techniques of klezmer to students of all ages.

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