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**WEDNESDAY FOLK TRADITIONS  
at  
*THE PORTER-PHELPS-HUNTINGTON MUSEUM*  
CONTINUES ITS 2023 SEASON WITH  
THE WHOLESALE KLEZMER BAND  
July 5th, 2023 at 6:30 pm**

Hadley MA —

**The Wednesday Folk Traditions** concert series at *The Porter-Phelps-Huntington Museum* continues its 42nd season on **July 5th** at 6:30 pm with **The Wholesale Klezmer Band** featuring a program of Jewish Life in Song. Celebrating Yiddish songs through a mix of social justice-oriented music, Ashkenazic Jewish prayer melodies, and instrumental tunes that one can meditate and dance to, The Wholesale Klezmer Band performs in English, Yiddish and Loshn Koydesh.

The concert will be held outside on the grounds of the museum at 130 River Drive, Route 47, Hadley MA 01035. Admission is \$12, \$2 for children 16 and under, or free for participants in the Card to Culture program. Cash only please. Picnickers are welcome starting at 5:00 pm. In the event of rain, performances will be held at Wesley United Methodist Church in Hadley. The museum and its grounds are a carry in/carry out, smoke-free site. For further information please call (413) 584-4699 or view [www.pphmuseum.org](http://www.pphmuseum.org).

Since 1982, the band has showcased Jewish music and culture for a wide variety of audiences, performing onstage, in educational settings, and at Jewish weddings and other traditional events. The Wholesale Klezmer Band has also held a variety of workshops and high-profile performances, including a Celebration of Folk Music for the 100th anniversary of Carnegie Hall and President Bill Clinton's inauguration.

The Wholesale Klezmer Band consists of members **Yosl (Joe) Kurland** on vocals and fiddle, **Christina Crowder** on the accordion, **Michael Suter** on the bass violin, **Brian Bender** on the trombone, **Peggy Davis** on vocals and flute, **Joanna Morse** on the fiddle, and **Aaron Bousel** on the accordion. They are, in the words of the Jewish Federation Reporter of New Hampshire, "A New England treasure."

**Wednesday Folk Traditions** continues on **July 12th** with **Viva Quetzal**, an acclaimed Afro-Andean fusion group whose music is rooted in folk traditions of Chile and Peru. In using a

wide array of native instruments from throughout the Americas, and infusing elements of jazz and rock traditions into their music, they create a uniquely multicultural experience for their listeners.

**Wednesday Folk Traditions** is funded, in part, by grants from: the Marion I. And Otto C. Kohler Memorial Fund at the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts; Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, through its Festivals and Programs Grants; the Amherst and Hadley Cultural Councils; local agencies funded by Massachusetts Cultural Council; Robinson and Cole; The Adams Foundation; Easthampton Savings Bank; Gage-Wiley and Company, and with generous support from many local businesses.

The Porter-Phelps-Huntington Foundation acknowledges that it occupies the unceded lands of the Nonotuck people. The Porter-Phelps-Huntington Museum contains a collection of the belongings of several generations of one extended Hadley family, dating back to the house's establishment in 1752 by Moses and Elizabeth Porter. The house and its activities included the labor and livelihood of many artisans, servants, and enslaved people. Their lived experiences are being brought to the forefront at the museum in the form of a new tour and reinterpretation initiative funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The new tour foregrounds the lives of six enslaved men and women at the house: Zebulon Prutt, Cesar, Peg, Phillis, Rose, and Phillis. Additionally, the tour highlights the role of "pastkeeping" by exploring the home's transition into a museum in the twentieth century. Recently, the museum was designated the "Forty Acres and its Skirts National Historic District" by the Massachusetts Historical Commission. Open June 3rd through October 15, Saturday through Wednesday. For more information check out our website at: [www.pphmuseum.org](http://www.pphmuseum.org) or call the museum at (413) 584-4699.

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