



## She'Koyokh **Biography** **World**

"Among the finest klezmer ensembles on the planet" *The Australian*

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Hailed as "one of London's musical treasures, playing the best Balkan and klezmer music in Britain" (The Evening Standard) and "among the finest klezmer ensembles on the planet" (The Australian), She'Koyokh's evolution spans the humble origins of busking at East London's Columbia Road flower market to performing in the famous concert halls of Europe including Amsterdam's Concertgebouw, the Gasteig in Munich and London's Southbank Centre. As well as TV appearances and live sessions on BBC Radio 3's In Tune and World on 3, She'Koyokh has performed at festivals such as Glastonbury, WOMAD, the inaugural WOMAD Fuerteventura and was nominated as Best Group in the Songlines World Music Awards 2012. The band has collaborated with the Aurora Orchestra at LSO St Luke's, St George's Bristol and the Brighton Dome.

She'Koyokh's members hail from the UK, Serbia, Sweden and Turkey, forging a unique sound that is traditional yet original. Their live shows are an expertly crafted, multi-lingual exploration from the Baltic to the Black Sea with songs in Yiddish, Russian, Greek, Ladino, Romany, Turkish and Kurdish with klezmer instrumentals and dance tunes from Bulgaria, Romania and Serbia.

She'Koyokh runs klezmer and Balkan music workshops which have recently included Edinburgh and Aberdeen universities, the Jersey Academy of Music and a week of workshops with the Aldeburgh Young Musicians which culminated in a performance at the Snape Proms.

Two of the band's albums are released by ARC Music, the latter of which was described in fROOTS as "sophisticated, multi-lingual and where klezmer in Britain should be headed for right now" and received a five-star review in Songlines hailing She'Koyokh as "Britain's best klezmer and Balkan music band", earning the disc a Songlines 'Top of the World' accolade and subsequent nomination in the Best Band category of the Songlines Music Awards 2012. She'Koyokh's third album, *Wild Goats and Unmarried Women*, was released in March 2014 by World Music Network and has been received with great acclaim, receiving 5 star reviews in the Evening Standard and The Australian and 4 stars in the Guardian. The band's eagerly-awaited latest album, *First Dance on Second Avenue*, was released in March 2017 with World Music Network which was given 4 stars by BBC Music Magazine. The Guardian raved: "She'Koyokh are one of the finest and most entertaining British-based exponents of global music... engaging, accomplished klezmer and Balkan songs". Gramophone Magazine also highly praised the release: "'First Dance on Second Avenue' is a musical feast: tuck in".

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