

what's on



Photo by Eric Fefferman, shot at the Jazz Bistro in Toronto

KatzTollar play the Jewish- Themed Music of Brian Katz at Fort York Library

Wednesday, May 20th from 12-1pm

This suite of Brian Katz's Jewish-themed compositions are inspired by contrasting life events such as meditating in an olive grove outside of Jerusalem; spontaneously creating a Celtic-Klezmer piece in the shower and dreaming a nigun (wordless melody) while staying in a hotel—packed with Rabbi's—in Elora, Ontario.

KatzTollar (Brian Katz, guitar, voice; Ernie Tollar, sax, bansuri flute, ney) are widely known for their ability to synthesize diverse styles into a voice of their own.

Of **Brian Katz**, music critic, Stanley Fefferman writes: "The whole vibe is Brian's own blend of classical, medieval, Spanish, Jazz, Blues, finger-picking Folk, Greek, Middle Eastern and Klezmer—you can hear all those threads in the weave of this album's harmonic fabric. You can enjoy the play of musical intelligence...and dig into a rich horde of experience gathered along the way of Brian's 30-year international career."

Ernie Tollar performed his first professional gigs at age 16 and has since toured Europe, India, Egypt, Kapuskasing, U.S.A., Argentina, Mexico, and Canada. He has performed and recorded with an incredible array of distinguished artists. His collaborative 2009 recording with his wife, vocalist Maryem Tollar, "Cairo to Toronto," garnered them a JUNO award nomination.

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