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Mark Kohnatskiy – Press Kit

Short Biography

Mark Kohnatskiy is one of the leading violinists of traditional Eastern European Jewish (klezmer) music. Based in Hamburg, Germany, he performs internationally as a violinist, composer, lecturer and teacher of traditional Yiddish dance. His work combines historical klezmer traditions with influences from classical, Moldavian and Romanian musical cultures.

Career Highlights

- International performer across Europe, North America, Israel and Japan
- Artistic director of the international festival *Yiddish Fest Moscow* (2009–2015)
- Regular lecturer and workshop leader at international festivals and institutions
- Composer whose works are performed by musicians and ensembles in Europe, the USA and Japan

Main Projects

- Di Yidishe Neshome – duo with pianist Dr. Alan Bern
- Mark Kohnatskiy Ensemble – contemporary klezmer project performing Kohnatskiy's original compositions
- Semer Ensemble – internationally acclaimed ensemble dedicated to Jewish music heritage
- Hamburg Klezmer Band - one of Kohnatskiy's oldest projects, created in 2007

Selected Festival Appearances

Yiddish Summer Weimar • Jewish Culture Festival Kraków • Warszawa Singera Festival • Ashkenaz Festival • KlezKanada • Yiddish Autumn Tokyo • Helsinki Klezmer Festival • Shalom Musik Köln • Jødisk Kulturfestival Copenhagen

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