

Cosmo Rodewald Concert Hall  
Monday 23 March 2026, 13.10

## The Michael Kahan Kapelye - The University of Manchester Klezmer Ensemble

*A concert in celebration of the life and work of Andrea Winn, who sparked the inspired partnership of Manchester Museum's Culture Mondays and the Martin Harris Centre.*



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- Please ensure watch alarms, and any audible devices are switched off

# **The Michael Kahan Kapelye (15<sup>th</sup> Generation)**

*Co-directed by Daniel J. Mawson and Richard Fay*

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## **Andrea Winn**

Our dear friend and colleague Andrea Winn, Curator of Community Exhibitions, was passionate about creating opportunities to connect culture and people together, no matter their background or age.

During her professional life, she developed many projects that contribute to make the World a better place, like the Museum's Lee Kai Hung Chinese Culture Gallery, born with the aim of building understanding between cultures.

Andrea worked particularly hard to make Manchester's cultural landscape more accessible for people aged 50+, knowing that cultural participation is a powerful tool to enable older generations to thrive.

The Manchester Museum and Martin Harris joint Culture Mondays are a result of that commitment. Through Andrea's energy and passion, both organisations started working together for offering a free special day of culture and music, in which people aged 50+ can enjoy special tours, talks and workshops at the Museum, followed by an amazing concert at the Martin Harris.

This concert today is dedicated in memory of Andrea, as a celebration of her life and work.



## Today's Programme

1. **Skrivskaya** [trad.]
  2. **Latviyska** [by Ilya Shneyveys]
  3. **Tsiveles Bulgar** [trad.]
  4. **Flatbush Waltz** [by Andy Statman]
  5. **Fun Tashlikh** [trad.]
  6. **In the Marketplace All Is Subterfuge (Podolye, Podolye)** [by Frank London]
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## The Klezmer Ensemble

The Michael Kahan Kapelye (MKK) is the Music Department's klezmer ensemble. The historical roots of klezmer lie in the wedding music of Eastern European Ashkenazi, Yiddish-speaking Jewry. Its survival owes much to its move from this Old World to the New World (in the early part of the twentieth century) and the US-led klezmer revival (beginning in the 1970s). Currently, klezmer is a dynamic "world" genre as well as Jewish heritage music.

The University ensemble is named after a prominent Manchester musician (Michael Kahan) who, much like the current and former members of MKK, performed in the classical and klezmer genres amongst others. Michael was tragically killed in 2008, and the ensemble was formed in 2011 by Ros Hawley and Richard Fay to celebrate Michael's contribution to music in the city generally, and to klezmer performance in particular. Since 2018, the ensemble has been led by MKK-alumnus Daniel Mawson, alongside Richard, who tutor each cohort of ensemblists.

Each year, the ensemble reforms with a new set of students whose ensemble performance is partly assessed through their MKK performance. For almost all of them, klezmer is an unfamiliar genre when they start working together in October. Many of them will develop a passion for this music from which new ensembles form.

The Michael Kahan Kapelye forms a central part in a now flourishing klezmer scene in Manchester where, as led by Daniel and Richard, current and former ensemblists join with members of the wider community to perform for: the bi-annual Halle Klezmer Evenings of Music and Dance, the monthly Klezmer Tune Club and KlezJam session, and regular visits to perform for reminiscence and well-being sessions in local Jewish Care Homes. These klezmer activities have been "highly commended" and "commended" in the university's making a difference in Social Responsibility Award scheme in 2021, 2022, and 2023.

In today's lunch-time concert, the current members of the 15<sup>th</sup> generation of the **Michael Kahan Kapelye** will who be performing are:

<b><u>Performer</u></b>	<b><u>Instrument</u></b>
Ben Gibson	Clarinet, Baritone Sax
Benjamin Childs	Cello, Piano
Maddie Curry	Alto Sax, Bass Guitar
Alex Harwood	Tenor Sax
Peter Li	Piano
Emily Monk	Button Accordion
Jack Stead	Drum Kit, Percussion, Vibes
Dewi Thistlewood	Trombones, Euphonium, Helicon, Bariton
Lucy Thompson	Clarinet
Hannah Wickes	Alto Sax

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**The ensemble would like to thank the following for their support during the year:**

1. Sue Cooper (klezmer cultural roots);
2. Ilana Cravitz (historically-informed performance workshop);
3. Judith Plowman and Adrian Dobson (klezmer for dance);
4. Chris Emerson/Halle (performance workshop);
5. Sha'arei Shalom (concert venue)

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**WCLC:** The Quatuor Danel with Gweneth Ann Rand, Pete Furniss, and Richard Whalley

**Date:** Thursday 26 March 2026

**Venue:** Cosmo Rodewald Concert Hall

**Time:** 13.10

**Price:** FREE

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**UMMTS:** Putting It Together by Stephen Sondheim (*Matinee and Evening Shows*)

**Date:** Saturday 28 March 2026

**Venue:** Cosmo Rodewald Concert Hall

**Time:** 14.30 (Matinee) and 19.00 (Evening)

**Price:** £12.00 = Public // £8.00 = Students // £6.00 = UMMTS Members

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**The Kalina Balalaika Ensemble Lunchtime Concert (*Manchester Museum Culture Mondays Event*)**

**Date:** Monday 30 March 2026

**Venue:** Cosmo Rodewald Concert Hall

**Time:** 13.10

**Price:** FREE

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