

# KLEZ FEST Midwest

OCTOBER 23-26, 2025  
& MARCH 19, 2026

"Krakauer's playing is transportive, it knocks on the door of mystical consciousness but then you want to clap your hands and stomp your feet and shout..."

-Peter Bebergal

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FEATURING

KLEZMER CLARINET VIRTUOSO

DAVID KRAKAUER

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

### 7 PM LOCAL BANDS TSUZAMEN AND YID VICIOUS

Klezmer at a beloved local music club  
*North Street Cabaret*

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

### 4 PM LECTURE/DEMO BY DAVID KRAKAUER

A musical and personal journey through klezmer  
*Lee/Kaufman Rehearsal Hall*

### 7:30 PM SOUNDWAVES

#### Music and Science Together

A *Wisconsin Science Festival* event  
Speakers from Computer Sciences, Chemistry, and Music, and clarinet/piano duo Krakauer & Tagg playing klezmer and improvisation-infused world music  
*Collins Recital Hall*

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

### 11 AM CHILDREN'S CONCERT WITH ELM DUO

Klezmer for the whole family  
*Lee/Kaufman Rehearsal Hall*

### 2 PM SHOWCASE CONCERT

David Krakauer's band **Lower East Side Legacy**  
Ramped-up klezmer with sizzling energy  
*Collins Recital Hall*

## MARCH 19, 2026

### 7:30 PM YA GHORBATI: DIVAS IN EXILE

Singer Laura Elkeslassy and her band present the songs and stories of Judeo-Arab divas from midcentury North Africa  
*Collins Recital Hall*

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



#### VENUES:

**North Street Cabaret**  
610 North Street, Madison

**Lee/Kaufman Rehearsal Hall**  
and **Collins Recital Hall** are in the  
Hamel Music Center,  
740 University Avenue, Madison

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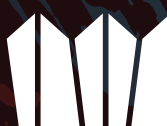
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