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WEB EXTRA: Mrs. Schmaltz And Oy Klezmer Together Again

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International singing sensation Mrs. Schmaltz, a/k/a vocalist Nancy Gaddy, teams up with Atlanta's favorite klezmer band Oy Klezmer! at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 22 at Sycamore Place Gallery. One of the hottest trends in international music today is the revival of klezmer, which features the soulful and exhilarating melodies of Eastern Europe. Joining forces for the second time in Atlanta, Mrs. Schmaltz and Oy Klezmer! will present a rousing and eclectic blend of world music, with a particular focus on Yiddish theater, Klezmer, Eastern European, Mediterranean, Ladino and Israeli. Lively, festive and hauntingly beautiful, this music, which is deeply rooted in Eastern Europe and the Middle East, has had a heavy influence on American popular and folk music. The rich melodies stemming from the Klezmer and Yiddish theatre tradition are timeless in their appeal, and have served as an inspiration to such American music giants as George Gershwin, Benny Goodman, Burt Bacharach, and Stephen Sondheim.

Mrs. Schmaltz has been entertaining audiences up and down the East Coast, in Texas and in southern California with her cabaret act that includes jazz standards, show tunes, Yiddish theater gems, borscht belt classics and a wealth of international melodies. Oy Klezmer! is gaining acclaim throughout the Southeast for its authentic presentation of this distinctive folk genre which is spiced with Gypsy influences. Oy Klezmer! performances harken back to the days of the original Klezmorim, professional itinerant Jewish musicians who played at festive occasions in communities across Europe.

The performance begins at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 22, at Sycamore Place Gallery, 120 Sycamore Place, Decatur, at the corner of Sycamore Place and Commerce Drive next to Fellini's Pizza. Tickets are \$15 per person or two for \$25.00. \$10.00 for students and seniors. For directions or additional information, call (404) 377-7747 or e-mail sycsyl@yahoo.com.

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