

# ABOUT YID VICIOUS

Yid Vicious was formed in 1995 in Madison, WI in order to ameliorate the woeful dearth of klezmer in America's otherwise pleasant heartland. Klezmer is Yiddish folk music, music for dancing and celebrating, and Yid Vicious has been spreading its infectious, original blend of freylekh fun throughout the midwest and beyond for over a decade.

Although its repertoire is drawn mainly from traditional secular Yiddish music, the band strives to infuse the music with its own unique aesthetic and experience. Rather than replicate a Particular time and place, Yid Vicious celebrates the long-standing tradition of klezmer incorporating new musical ideas into an organic and ever-evolving art form. The band's seven members blend their individual professional backgrounds in classical, jazz, and world music genres to create a Klezmer experience that will electrify audiences of all ages and backgrounds.

"Talented and versatile...creative and fun-loving"

Susan Crofton,  
Vice President of Programming  
Overture Center for the Arts

"Enthralling,...  
extravagantly entertaining...  
an unexpected pleasure"

Ari Davidow,  
*The Klezmer Shack*

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"Smart and fun...their  
musicianship is of a very  
high order"

Tom Laskin,  
*Isthmus*