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FILM JASMINE DELLAL: GYPSY CARAVAN ICA

Friday 28 September [6:15pm]

The Mall, SW1 T:020.7930.3647 Tube: Charing Cross/Piccadilly Circus
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Five Bands, from four different countries, embracing an entourage of 39 people. That's what director [Jasmine Dellal](#) offers up by way of a fascinating, passionate [documentary record](#) of a tour around North America by a group of musicians with one thing in common -- their [Gypsy ancestry](#). There's the sheer power of soloist [Esma Redzepova](#), proclaimed "Queen Of The Gypsies". There's the very Indian sounding [Maharaja](#), and their unique dancer [Harish](#), who supports an entire family with his [cross-dressing dance routine](#), since both parents died. There's the brilliantly skilful musicianship of [Taraf de Haidouks](#), and their elderly leader [Nicolae Neacsu](#), who adheres to the homespun philosophy that a man lives "to work and do something in life". And, boy does Nicolae work, and play, hard and do something almost magical with his life. There's the raw fire and electrifying grace of the [flamenco act](#), [Antonio El Pipa](#) and its "diamond in the rough" sounding aunt [Juana](#). There's the irresistible uptempo, ompah-ing of the brass band-based [Fanfare Ciocarlia](#). And, there's ever-present guiding influence, contributing to the camerawork, of top US documentarian [Albert Maysles](#) and the very personal burning social conscience of [Dellal](#) driving everything along. Have a look. You just might see the beauty in [Gypsy culture](#) as opposed to the same old negative stereotypes.

NB: this screening will be introduced and followed by a Q&A with the director [Jasmine Dellal](#). [Gypsy Caravan](#) is [released](#) in London via the ICA on 28/09 and screens there till 21/10. On 05/10 catch the [Roots & Shoots Gypsy Caravan Party](#) which celebrates the best in Gypsy culture.