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Gypsy Caravan: When the Road Bends

★★★★☆ (Cert PG)

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These extraordinary musicians ought to put an end to any sniffiness about Gypsy music. The film showcases the talents of five Romany bands from four countries on a tour across America in 2001; exuberant live performances are interspersed with behind-the-scenes footage and interviews in the musician's home countries: India, Romania, Macedonia and Spain. The glorious Esma Redzepova sings mournfully with a black veil covering her face, as dreamlike and intense as the Spanish singer in Lynch's Mulholland Drive. Esma is Queen of the Gypsies (note the capitals, it's an official title) and the clear star here, famous in her native Macedonia, not least for campaigning against racism.



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