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The Road to Roma

Friday, June 15, 2007

Call it the Buena Vista Social Club for gypsy music. Today on Soundcheck, we talk with the director of a new documentary that follows Romani musicians across Europe and India in a search for the roots of gypsy culture. And, music writer and musicologist Michael Church shares field recordings from Chechnya and the surrounding North Caucasus region. Plus, a preview of the JVC Jazz Festival.



A scene from the movie "Gypsy Caravan"

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Gypsy Caravan

Shot by legendary cinematographer Albert Maysles, "Gypsy Caravan" charts the six-week journey of five bands on a concert tour that celebrates the music of the Romani people. The musicians travel through Spain, Macedonia, Romania and India, and their common experiences reveal a larger story about gypsy culture. We talk to the film's director, Jasmine Dellal.

"Gypsy Caravan" web site

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Songs of Defiance

Music writer and musicologist Michael Church talks about compiling "Songs of Defiance," a CD collection of traditional music from the isolated North Caucasus region, which includes Chechnya. We talk to Church about recording the rich music of a turbulent land.

Michael Church's article for BBC Music magazine

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JVC Jazz Festival Preview

This year's JVC Jazz Festival runs from June 17th to June 30th. Music writer Eugene Holley gives us a sneak preview of the festival, including performances from India.Arie, Keith Jarrett and Cesaria Evora.

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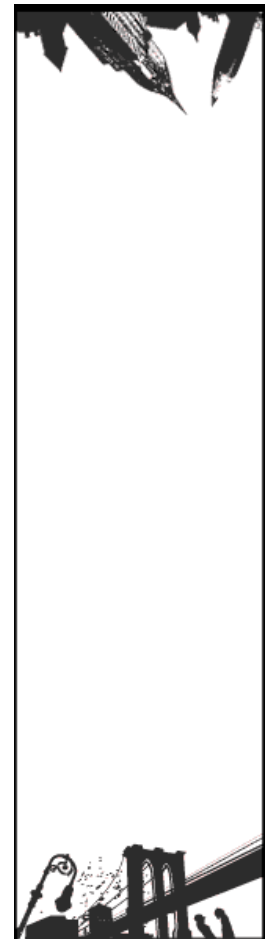
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