

Around the World in 14 Days

Music from across the globe hits Eugene this month.

Didn't get out of Oregon this summer? This month offers the opportunity to vicariously visit many parts of the world through music.

On Tuesday, Oct. 12, one of the world's most charismatic singers, **Esma Redzepova**, returns to the Soreng Theater. Esma stole the show when the Gypsy Caravan roared through the Soreng a couple of years ago, her tremendous voice and dynamic style making it abundantly clear why she's been called the Aretha Franklin of Romani music. Esma's danceable

Macedonian style rides on propulsive rhythms and piquant harmonies. She'll be accompanied by trumpet, clarinet, accordion, drums and keyboards played by some of the 40-plus former street kids she adopted, took into her home, and taught Romani music, part of the humanitarian work that earned her a Nobel Peace Prize nomination. Even if you've never heard Romani music, any fan of great singing should check out this show.

To Germany now, and the acclaimed electronica duo **Mouse on Mars**, which has been

broadening the techno palette of late with acoustic instruments and even voices, while not sacrificing their experimentalist, Eurodance roots. In the process they've won fans from the pop and rock world, including bands like Stereolab who have asked the mice to remix them. Catch them at the WOW Hall on Oct. 5.

For some older Germanic music, the **Oregon Mozart Players** open their season Oct. 9 with perhaps one of the greatest orchestral works ever written, Beethoven's mighty *Seventh Symphony*. We heard how powerful it could sound with a smaller, more authentically-sized orchestra when the Eugene Symphony performed the *seventh* last year, so I'm looking forward to this chamber orchestra performance. The concert, maybe the most attractive classical show of the fall, also features UO music prof Victor Steinhardt as soloist in one of Mozart's finest achievements, his sunny *Piano Concerto No. 23*. Classical fans can also hear free 18th Century string quintets at the Atrium on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 2.

Moving east, **Arabesque** brings Turkish, Arabic, Persian & Armenian music and belly-dance to Cozmic Pizza on Sunday, Oct. 3. This is a side project of the Portland-based Brothers of the Baladi, who for three decades have per-



Chaskinakuy plays the WOW Hall Saturday.

formed around the world, and use traditional drums, folk horns, violin, keyboards and guitar.

Reaching central Asia, we come to **Sabjilar**, which accompanies traditional Khakass throat singing with the *komus* (two string lute), *yh* (trapezoidal two-string fiddle), *chatkhan* and *khobrakh* (flutes) and *dungur* (shamanic rattle drum). This award winning trio brings their rarely heard music to the WOW Hall on Oct. 9.

Steering south, we encounter two terrific African music shows — frustratingly happening the same night. The **Amazones** concert I previewed last time has been moved to Oct. 6 at the Hult — the same night as **Antibalas** orchestra and local groups **Kudana** (South African marimba) and **Ballet Joli** (West African dance), all at the



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BOTOX

Botox is a chemical that humans inject to make them look younger. However in Eugene **Botox** is better known as an electro-acoustic ensemble. While its members come from a variety of music traditions **Botox's** sound could be best described as "all-wave". Incorporating brass instruments, live electronics, and turntablism this band embraces sound in its most abstract sense. Injections will be administered Friday October 1, and **Botox** is guaranteed to fix your face. Check out Eugene Weekly's clubs grid to find out where.

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