

# For the Love of Gypsy Punk



Making modern chamber music is fun for Portland's 3 Leg Torso, and this violin, cello and accordion quintet brings nothing short of a surprise.

## 3 Leg Torso & Luminescent Orchestrii bring an eclectic scene to the Kennedy School

A gypsy tango klezmer punk acoustic string band? That's Luminescent Orchestrii, hailing from Brooklyn, New York City.

The eclectic group performs Wednesday, March 28 with Portland's 3 Leg Torso at McMenamin's Kennedy School, 5736 N.E. 33rd Ave. The show begins at 7 p.m., is open to all ages and costs \$10 at the door.

So you understand the elements of gypsy, tango, acoustic, string and punk music...but what's klezmer, you ask?

"Klezmer" is a Jewish folk music traditionally performing by a small band.

Luminescent Orchestrii delivers this unusual synthesis with equal parts creativity, intelligence, wit and joie de vivre. They then serve up an explosive union of Romanian Gypsy



Luminescent Orchestrii has toured the East Coast and Germany and have traveled to Romania and Turkey for inspiration. They'll rock McMenamin's Kennedy School March 28.

melodies, punk frenzy, salty tangos and hard-rocking klezmer – with a dose of haunting Balkan harmony, hip-hop beats and Appalachian fiddle thrown in for good measure.

Luminescent Orchestrii will eat all of this, and then spit it out with two violins, resophonic guitar, bullhorn harmonica and a 3/4 Argentinean bass.

3 Leg Torso opens Wednesday's show with its own signature musical blend – classical, tango, gypsy, Latin and jazz.

"We're excited to play with such a powerful and emotional group,"

said Béla Balogh, violinist and co-leader of 3 Leg Torso's. "The Luminescent is on the cutting edge of the growing Balkan/gypsy/punk scene, and we're all looking forward to cutting up, cutting a rug and, um, cutting class at Kennedy School with them."

The Luminescent recently returned from a successful European tour, which had two nearly sold out shows at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

The members come from different scenes in New York, yet come together through their love of Balkan and Gypsy music.

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