



### Klezmer Music in Putnam Valley

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**Another Joyous Evening of Klezmer Music At Tompkins Corners - Alicia Svigals and Lauren Brody - Saturday, August 19th at 7:30 p.m.**



After their sold-out concert last year, Alicia Svigals, the world's leading klezmer fiddler and Putnam Valley neighbor, and accordion wizard Lauren Brody will return to Tompkins Corners on Saturday, August 19th at 7:30 p.m. The concert will feature "women's songs" in conjunction with a poster exhibit in the reception room sponsored by the Putnam County League of Women Voters commemorating the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage in New York State.

Alicia Svigals is a founder of the Grammy-winning Klezmatics, whom she co-led for seventeen years, and a long-time resident of Putnam Valley. She has appeared on David Letterman, MTV, PBS' "Great Performances," NPR's "Prairie Home Companion," "Weekend Edition" and "New Sounds," and on the soundtrack for "The L-Word." She has played with and composed for violinist Itzhak Perlman, the Kronos Quartet, playwrights Tony Kushner and Eve Ensler, the late poet Allen Ginsburg, Robert Plant and Jimmy Page of Led Zeppelin, and many others.

Lauren Brody is a pioneer of the klezmer revival in the United States and a founding member of the groundbreaking band "Kapelye." She has toured extensively, recorded and appeared on film. She plays regularly with musicians in the klezmer world and also has had a similar role in the Balkan music scene in the United States, both as a teacher and performer. Lauren is a Fulbright scholar, and her research has produced groundbreaking reissues of 78 rpm recordings of Bulgarian Folk Music: "Song of the Crooked Dance" (1998, Yazoo Records) and "Outsinging the Nightingale" (2010, JSP Records).

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center is a not-for-profit organization that purchased the historic Methodist church at 729 Peekskill Hollow Road in Putnam Valley in 2015. Since then, presentations include concerts, family events, weekly T'ai Chi classes, Cajun jams, Open Mic night and a local Farmers Market on Friday afternoons all summer long. For more information about this and other upcoming events, check our website at [www.tompkinscorners.org](http://www.tompkinscorners.org) or our facebook page at [facebook.com/tompkinscorners](https://facebook.com/tompkinscorners).

The performance begins at 7:30 and suggested donation is \$20. Prepaid tickets are available at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3051084>.

For more information or to reserve seats, call 845 528-7280 or email [info@tompkinscorners.org](mailto:info@tompkinscorners.org).



Alicia Svigals, Dr. Ruth Westheimer and Lauren Brody at last year's Klezmer Concert.