

Mp3 Geoff Berner - The Wedding Dance Of The Widow Bride



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klezmer punk 10 MP3 Songs WORLD: Judaica, FOLK: Modern Folk Details: With "Wedding Dance of the Widow Bride", Geoff Berner continues with his mission to "Drag klezmer music into the bars kicking and screaming". This is a project that began with the 2005 release "Whiskey Rabbi", which received rave reviews in Canada, the U.S. and Europe. "...Widow Bride" is all at once dirtier, prettier, more deeply rooted in klezmer scholarship, and more transgressive. The lyrics are sometimes humourous, sometimes frighteningly dark, and often both at the same time. "Because klezmer is largely wedding music, I decided to write a wedding album. But its my wedding album, so its a bit fucked up." observes Berner. "Its not a concept album, but all the songs are linked to a general theme. The theme is this idea of wondering how much of our happiness is built on the misfortune of others." The album features 9 original klezmer punk songs, and a blistering, discordant cover of Leonard Cohens "Queen Victoria". Several of the originals are based on song concepts that appear in the Jewish wedding ritual, such as "Weep, Bride, Weep"--a re-imagining of the traditional "Song to Make the Bride Weep", and "The Fiddler Is A Very Good Woman", based on the folk tune "The Fiddler Is A Very Good Man". But with their explicit sexual and political lyrical content, its unlikely that these new songs will ever be mistaken for their source material. The trio of Berner, violinist Diona Davies and percussionist Wayne Adams returned to the Factory studio in Vancouver, with Adams also running the board, recording live off the floor to create a raw, emotionally powerful, acoustic sound that emphasizes a mix of "joyfullness and despair" of traditional Jewish music, combined with a raging energy.

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