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**To the Tavern The London Klezmer Quartet February / March 2018 - Australian Tour**

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| *The London Klezmer Quartet’s (LKQ) fourth album, 'To the Tavern', is a dawn-to-dawn story about a klezmer band’s arrival in a small town. With a wealth of traditional-style compositions by the band, the adventure also features the irresistibly sonorous vocals of Indra Buraczewska in traditional laments, a Warsaw Yiddish theatre hit with a hint of jazz (‘Goodbye New York’) and a song about beetroot soup.*  *A band arrives at dawn at the railway station outside a small middle-European country town for a 24-hour sojourn. The musicians find their way around, get to know the locals and lead a rowdy session at the local tavern, before exhaustion sets in as they see in the new day. The album was inspired by a short story by Peter Justin Newall entitled 'Konrad's Bukovina Khosidl', and the artwork inside the CD depicts scenes in a film-roll format.* |  | To_the_Tavern_cover |

The London Klezmer Quartet will be touring Australia again in February and March. Klezmer now has wide appeal in Australia, bolstered by LKQ’s virtuosic and enthusiastic approach to bringing not just the repertoire, but colourful anecdotes about its origins to audiences, helping to make the music accessible. This is the soulful and celebratory music of Jewish eastern Europe – and wider afield – at its most beguiling and seductive: LKQ combines the subtleties of the original tradition with a kick-the-chairs-over ability to party.

LKQ’s material reflects the sacred and secular experiences of klezmorim across centuries and continents, and their ‘old and new traditional’ tunes move audiences from toe-tapping to tears to in moments. Indra Buraczewska’s powerful voice, ‘Yarraville’ Yiddish and Latvian, add spice to the playing that showcases her musical dexterity and maturity on the double bass and that of Susi Evans (clarinet), Ilana Cravitz (violin), and Carol Isaacs (accordion).

LKQ’s performances are infused with klezmer history, both past and ongoing: Critics have hailed LKQ as having a confidence that few groups achieve even after years of playing together. Their tight ensemble work and collaborative approach draws in music devotees from across the board.

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**THE LONDON KLEZMER QUARTET – TO THE TAVERN TOUR – FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2018**

**February:**

**Saturday 10th** Melbourne Recital Centre – A KlezmerJourney - **2 shows, at 3pm and 6pm** $39 ($29 Conc.)

[www.melbournerecital.com.au.events/2018/a-klezmerjourney](http://www.melbournerecital.com.au.events/2018/a-klezmerjourney)

**Wednesday 14th** Stratford Courthouse Theatre, Stratford, Vic.

[www.stratfordcourthouse.com.au](http://www.stratfordcourthouse.com.au/" \t "_blank)

**Friday 16th**  Metro Social at The Metropole, Katoomba NSW Doors at 6.30pm

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=343691>

**Saturday 17th**  Klezmer Bush Dance, Leichardt Bowling Club, Leichardt NSW

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=342130>

**Sunday 18th**  11am – 2pm Dance Workshop, Redfern Town Hall

**Sunday 18th** Sydney Jewish Museum 5.30pm

<https://sydneyjewishmuseum.com.au/shop/events/music/london-klezmer-quartet-2/>

**Wednesday 21st**  Bendemeer Hall

<https://sa2.seatadvisor.com/sabo/servlets/TicketRequest?&presenter=TAMWORTH&venue=&event=BENKLE18&tck=true>

**Thursday 22nd** Tamworth Capitol Theatre

<http://capitoltheatretamworth.com.au/events/906/London_Klezmer_Quartet/>

**Friday 23rd** Playhouse Theatre, Baraba

**[To book: email play@playhousehotel.com or call 02 6782 1109](http://www.playhousehotel.com/theatre" \t "new)**

**Saturday 24th** Gunnedah Town Hall

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=340070>

**Sunday 25th** Crossing Theatre, Narrabri

<http://www.crossingtheatre.com.au/>

**Wednesday 28th**  Royal Theatre, Quirindi

<http://www.quirindiroyaltheatre.com/>

**March:**

**Thursday 1st** Chapel Theatre, Glenn Innes

**Tickets on sale at Carelles from Feb 2018**

**Friday 2nd** Tenterfield Theatre

**Saturday 3rd** Music By The Sea, Sandgate

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=333580>

**Sunday 4th** Canberra Irish Club

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=346073>

**Wednesday 7th** Wollongong Conservatorium

**Thursday 8th** Camelot Lounge, Marrickville

<https://www.stickytickets.com.au/22523/the_london_klezmer_quartet_uk_%40_camelot_lounge/buy-tickets>

**Friday 9th** Wauchope Arts Hall

<http://www.wauchopearts.org.au/>

**Saturday 10th** Dance With LKQ Central Coast Bush Dance Asociation, East Gosford

<http://www.ccbdma.org/>

**Sunday 11th** Singleton, NSW (NB start time: 2pm)

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=340476>