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SAT JUNE 17 5:00-6:30 PM



Zingology is a gypsy swing combo from Ithaca, NY. They've been playing in various iterations in the Finger Lakes and northern PA for about 10 years. Their focus is on the music of Django Reinhardt, the Belgian guitarist who played mostly in Paris (but throughout Europe and the US too) in the 1930's and 40's. Django was a musical genius who composed his own tunes but reinterpreted American swing and jazz standards. He is best known for his playing with the violinist Stefan Grapelli.

Zlngology's music is an homage to these great musicians of the swing era and especially geared for dancers. The uptempo tunes of Zingology are particularly good for Balboa and Lindy- two types of swing dance created in American dance halls at the same time Django was performing. The ballads like Nuages or Manoir de me Reves work well for slow blues dancing or fox trot. The gypsy bossa and bolero rhythms are great for Latin dancing like salsa or rumba.

But what does the name, Zingology mean? Think of it as the essence of pizzaz made into a poem. Or it is just the study of zing. Or recall that song by Judy Garland, The Trolley song from 1944, with the lyric's refrain of, "zing, zing, zing went my heart strings."

Zingology just recorded their second album, a new collection of 12 gypsy swing tunes on a CD, titled, "On the Boulevard." The title track, The Boulevard of Broken Dreams, is sung by the group's violinist, Joanna Green.

The group includes; Ted Caldwell on upright bass, Brian Keeler on guitar, Joanna Green on vocals and fiddle, Brian Earle on clarinet, Art Godin on guitar, Wayne Gottlieb on vocals and guitar and Greg Ezra on drums.