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Selected YouTube Links:

[Hadgaba](#) [Tarab Retreat 2018](#) [Farabi Ensemble Persian Festival](#)



Meg York grew up off-grid near the Village of Los Lunas, New Mexico, surrounded by the sounds of Mexican, Spanish, Native American, and Jewish music.

Meg has a Performance Degree from the University of New Mexico in Clarinet, Flute and Flamenco Accompaniment: She plays styles from the Balkans through Andalucía, including Jewish, Turkish, Arabic and Persian traditions, on a variety of folk flutes, clarinets (bass, soprano, and Turkish G clarinet), silver flute, saxophone, recorders, and hand percussion.

Meg has played for countless contra dance and international folk dance events, from local weekend dances to national level dance events.

She is a Lifetime Member of the Eastern European Folklife Center and a Presenting Member of Society for Ethnomusicology, an Artist in Residence with the Athena Project, Denver, CO, Pomegranate Studios, Santa Fe, NM, and Yuval Ron Unity of the Heart Colorado USA, Residency. She also collaborates with Bella Diva Dance sponsoring Shahrzad Khorsandi Persian dance.

Meg organized an ensemble for Yo Yo Ma 2018 World Tour community outreach projects in Denver comprised of Palestinian, Jewish, African, and Iranian musicians and dancers.

Meg is an amateur swing dancer and has taught dance lessons at Evergreen Jazz Festival.

Meg creates Refugee and Immigrant culture fundraising events for International Rescue Committee, Denver Spring Institute, and Denver Sister Cities.

Meg is honored to be a founding member of the Farabi Persian Ensemble in collaboration with Ahmad Soufiani, Iranian Tar master, Shahrzad Khorsandi, Persian dance ethnographer, and David Taylor Zikr Dance Company.

Meg also co-teaches Movement and Musicality classes at Denver Ballet Theater with DBT Soloist, Zac Bigbee.

Meg plays often with [Sheldon Sands](#), [Hal Aqua and the Lost Tribe](#), Ben Cohen's Klez Dispensers, and [Hadgaba Balkan Band](#) at Denver Klez Fest at the Mercury Café sponsored by the Mizel Museum.

In Albuquerque in the 1990's, Meg toured the U.S. playing flute, zourna and percussion with [Pablo Rodarte's](#) Dance Espana "Natividad Flamenca", and Mexico twice playing E flat soprano clarinet with The University of New Mexico Orchestra.

She also played in the [Albuquerque Philharmonic](#), [Albuquerque Civic Light Opera](#), and [Albuquerque Little Theatre](#), and founded the classical woodwind ensemble Albuquerque Kokopelli Consort with Brian Tuffnell.

Meg moved to Colorado in 1997.

Education background:

Meg York received a B.A. in clarinet performance from The [University of New Mexico](#) with Professor Keith Lemmons and flute with Professor Frank Bowen, one of the last protégés of Marcel Moyse.

She honed Flamenco and Early Music Performance skills with [John Truitt](#), [Eva Encinias-Sandoval](#), and [Pablo Rodarte](#).

Meg's World Music mentors and colleagues include clarinetists [Christos Govetas](#), [George Chittenden](#), Stuart Mennen, [Lefteris Bournias](#), Souren Baronian, [Margot Leveret](#), tuba player, [Michael Ginsberg](#), oudists [Cameron Powers](#) and Haig Manookian, violinists [Beth Bahia Cohen](#), [George Lammam](#), [Beth Cohen](#), santourist Lise Leipman, kanuunist, Kalie Halili, and ney, [Omar Faruk Tebelik](#).

She's also studied jazz with trumpeter [Ron Miles](#), and clarinetists [Eddie Daniels](#) and Rich Chiaraluce.

Teaching:

Meg taught in Albuquerque, New Mexico, in the 1990s at [Baum's Music Company](#), for Albuquerque Public Schools and staffed [Hummingbird Music Camp in Jemez Springs, NM](#) for eight years.

After moving to Colorado in 1997, she became Music Director at [Evergreen Academy](#) and [Mountain Phoenix Waldorf](#) and mentored at Conifer High, Bear Creek High, Lakewood High, Jefferson County Open School, and Kearney Middle School as well as Colorado Honor Band.

She directs Clarinet Conference Master Classes at the Evergreen School of Music, Denver School of the Arts, Denver Folklore Center, and Metro State College.

Music Theater Pit Orchestra: *West Side Story*, *Pippin*, *La Man of La Mancha*, *Once Upon a Mattress*, *La Nariz de la Muerte*, *Carmen*.

~Music and dance build community bridges between the past and the future, so vital in our modern times~



Klezmer circle dances at Mercury Cafe

Selected Resume:

Albuquerque Civic Light Opera, NM

[Albuquerque Little Theatre, NM](#): Cabaret, Man of La Mancha

[Athena Project](#): Cross Pollinations at Swallow Hill, Denver, CO

[Arise Festival](#), Healing Village Workshops: Indonesian Monkey Chant: Loveland, CO

[Azra Sings](#), Bosnian-Macedonian Sevda, Littleton, CO

[Aurora Global Festival](#), CO with Zuruna

[Avalon Ballroom](#), Boulder CO Boulder Balkan Bash

[Bella Diva Dance](#), Glendale CO. Musicality for Movement workshops, Shahrzad Khorsandi co-sponsor

[Blue Sage Arts](#), Turkish Fusion with David Alderdice, Paonia, CO

Boetcher Hall, Denver Performing Arts Center, soloist with Don Ambler Clarinet Choir

[Boulder International Festival](#): with Veelah Balkan Band, Planina Voices of Eastern Europe

[Boulder Jewish Festival](#): with Sheldon Sands

Boulder Moon Fest: Gold Hill Bluegrass with Contra Dance festivals

Boulder Theater, CO -- many shows including Sherefe' and Cameron Powers Project

[Circus Luminous](#), Santa Fe, NM two week residency as pit musician at [Lensic](#) Theater.

[CFOOTMAD](#) dances, Colorado Friends of Old Time Music And Dance, CO

[Colorado Early Music Fall Festival](#), Boulder, CO: Jurjuna Ensemble with Kylie Halihal

[Colorado Moon Festival](#), Gold Hill, CO

[Colorado School of Mines International Festival Golden](#), CO: Farabi Ensemble Concerts, Music Outreach Classes

[Columbine Unity Conference Center](#), Boulder, CO: Farabi Concert and International Rescue Committee Fundraiser Concerts

[Columbine Unitarian Universalist Church](#), Littleton, CO: Solstice Concert

[Colorado State University, Boulder](#), CO: Veelah Balkan Band

[Congregation Beth Evergreen](#), CO: founded Klezmerize Ensemble for congregational events, including Simchat Torah and Purim festivals.

Congregation Beth Evergreen, CO: Produced concert with [Andy Statman Trio](#)

D Note, Arvada, CO: produced Balkan folk dance parties with Veelah Balkan Band

[Dazzle Jazz](#), Denver, CO: Shows with Veelah, Tito Malaga, Marrakesh Express, Hal Aqua, and Catrene Malshey Zuruna

[Denver Metro State College](#), CO: Clarinoodle Conference with Don Ambler, Rich Chiaraluce, Dexter Payne

[Denver School of the Arts](#), CO: Clarinoodle Conference with Don Ambler, Rich Chiaraluce, Dexter Payne

[Drom, New York City](#), NY with Azra Sings and Zlatne Uste Brass Band

Echoes of Earth Recording Series: Eric Rogers, acoustic guitar Water, Marcelo Mansour, sound healer, Earth,

Ronaldo Wade Baca, flamenco guitar, Elements of Fire CD

[Ege University, Bursa, Turkey](#), clarinet and bass clarinet workshops

[Evergreen Academy](#), Music Director, CO

[Evergreen Jazz Festival](#), CO Jazz Dance Instructor

[Evergreen School of Music](#), Evergreen, CO Private Music teacher

[Farabi Persian Ensemble](#), Westminster, CO with Ahmad Soufiani: music score for Zikr Dance: Fire with Shahrzad Khorsandi

[Gamelan Encantada](#), Albuquerque, NM

Global Groove Festival, Denver, CO: Jurjuna Ensemble

[Goddess of Arno](#): Women's Balkan Band, Albuquerque NM with Beth Cohen

[Hal Aqua and the Lost Tribe](#), Denver, CO

Hejazz Messengers: Meg York and Pete Jacobs, a Classical Arabic ensemble

[Hummingbird Music Camp](#), Staff, Jemez Springs, NM: Staff for over 8 years.

International Penwomen's Conference, Brown Palace, Denver, CO: composer Winifred Hyson contemporary song cycle. With Mandi McKibbin-Ogle, soprano, Karissa Swanson, piano, and Emily Bowman, viola:

[International Rescue Committee](#): Benefit Concert Series at Mercury Cafe and Columbine Unity Conference Center

[Jefferson County Open School Theater](#) Department: Pippin, Life and Times, pit orchestra

[Jefferson Unitarian Church](#), Golden, CO: Concert Series with Buenos Aires sound healer, [Marcelo Mansour](#).

Jefferson County Public Schools Music Clinician, CO: Bear Creek, Conifer, Lakewood, Jefferson County Open School, Kearney Middle, and Mountain Phoenix.

Klez Dispensers with Ben Cohen, Denver, CO

Klezmerize, a congregational band at Beth Evergreen Synagogue, Evergreen CO: with David Froman, Hal Stein, [Cheri Rubin](#), and Jonathan Kaley-Isley.

[Klezmerquerque](#), Albuquerque, NM

[KGNU](#), [KUVU](#), and [KVNF](#) Colorado Community and NPR Radio Stations.

[Koffi Togo](#): recording project, Ophelia's Soapbox, Denver, CO

Kokopelli Classical Music Consort, Founder, Albuquerque, NM: Armenian Classical Concert: Khachaturian Trio with Dawn Chambers, Piano

[Lakewood Symphony](#), Lakewood, CO Substitute clarinetist

[Laughing Goat](#), Boulder, CO: Veelah Balkan Band

[Longmont Arts Council](#) House Concert, Longmont CO: Veelah Balkan and www.artslongmont.org

[Marcelo Mansour](#), Argentinian Sound Healer: Elements of Earth CD recording projects

[Maple Street Dance Space](#), Musicality for Dance Workshops, Albuquerque, NM; Performances with Romy Keegan, Director of Ballet Afrique

[Mendocino Eastern European Folklife Center](#) -- Lifetime Member

[Mercury Cafe](#), Denver, CO -- over a hundred live music and dance events including benefit concert series: Veelah Balkan Band CD release party, Witches' Theater, Persian Fall Festival with Bella Diva Dance and Shahrzad Khorsandi.

Michael Ginsberg Master Class and Dance Party: Ft Collins, CO: with Veelah Balkan Band

[Middle Eastern Music and Dance Camp](#), CA, Director of Ajam Band

[Mile Hi Church](#), Lakewood, CO: World Religions Day with Koffi Togo

[Mosaic Foundation Center](#), Turkish Music Outreach, Aurora, CO

Natividad Flamenco (Pablo Rodarte Dance Espana), Cabaret (ALT), Pippin (Jefferson County Open School)

[Ojaleo](#): Lorca Flamenco Project with Rhythm Muse Productions, Longmont, CO

[Outpost Performance Space](#), Albuquerque, NM: with Goddess of Arno

[Oriental Theater](#): Bosnian Flood Relief Concert with Planina, Voices of Eastern Europe

[Pablo Rodarte's](#) Danse Espana national tour with Joaquin Encinias-Sandoval dance soloist, Igor Skorodumov music director.

[Planina Voices of Eastern Europe](#), Denver CO

[Pomegranate Studios](#), Artist in Residence, Santa Fe, NM: Workshops with Myra Krien

[Rafi'ah Ruyah](#) Dance Living Arts Center, Littleton, CO: Musicality for movement.

[Regis University](#), Denver CO: Concert with Veelah Balkan Band

Rosetta Stone, Denver CO: Contra Dance/Greek fusion with Mark Brissenden and Tina Gugeler: CFOOTMAD dances

Rhythm Slaves: Loveland CO: Justin Bruen, Kai Lin Yong, James Messerich, Mark Brissenden, and Meagan Chandler:

[Santa Fe Community College](#), NM: Workshops with Deborah Newberg

Saltanah Productions, concerts with Souhail Kaspar, CO

[Shahrzad Khorsandi](#) Residency: Persian Dance Ethnographer.

[Sherefe Middle Eastern Ensemble](#), Boulder, CO Opium CD producer.

Shine, Boulder, CO Concerts with Misty Bernard

Sombra Del Monte Elementary School Music Director, Albuquerque NM

[Society for Creative Anachronisms](#): Grand Outlandish, Estrella War, Lonely Mountain, Mid-Winter Feasts, etc.

[Society for Ethnomusicology](#) Annual International Conference, Presenter, Denver, CO

[Stockton International Dance Camp](#), Stockton University, CA

[St Rafka Maronite Church](#) Fall Festival: Zuruna with Catrene Malshey

[Sts. Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church](#) Fall Festival: Sherefe

Svirka Women's Balkan Choir, Albuquerque, NM

[Swallow Hill](#), Denver, CO: Veelah Balkan Band

[Tarab Retreat](#): Director of three day immersive world acoustic music and movement at La Foret Retreat Center.

[Taste of Colorado](#) Festival Heritage Stage: Veelah Balkan Band, Oscar Del Barrios Trio

Trio Equilibrio, Lakewood CO: with Steve Mullins and Brett Bowen: Balkan Flamenco Fusion EP with Meagan Chandler, vocals guest

[University of New Mexico](#) Symphonic Orchestra Mexico International Tour: Dr. Jorge Perez-Gomez

[Universidad de Las Americas](#), Puebla, Mexico: multiple concerts with Dr. Jorge Perez-Gomez

[University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HA](#) UNM Marching Band

[University of Colorado State, Ft Collins](#), CO Zuruna Concert

[University of New Mexico](#), Albuquerque, NM Carmen, West Side Story, La Nariz de la Muerte

[University of Wyoming](#), Laramie, WY

[Veelah Balkan Band](#): Founded with Jesse Manno, Dexter Payne, Jon Eriksen, David Willey and Brian Mullins. Album: Village Squared

[Wadi Rum Film Soundtrack](#): with Moroccan Oud El Yasfi Samir and Persian Sufi vocals Sholeh Mani

[Yuval Ron](#) Residency: Concerts at Shambala Center, Abrahamic Initiative, St. John's Cathedral, Israeli Fusion

Zadik Jewish Raggae Recording Project -- Immersion Studios, Boulder CO www.Dr-Roots.com

[Zikr Dance](#) Ensemble, Denver CO, with David Taylor, Shahrzad Khorsandi, and Farabi Ensemble

[Zvek Ensemble](#), Turkish Sufi Devotional Music Ensemble, Abiquiu, NM: Refugee Benefit Concerts and recordings.

[Zuruna Middle Eastern Ensemble](#) with Catrene Malshey Denver, CO



2018 Denver Klez Fest at Mercury Café Ballroom with Hadgaba Balkan Band