

Espresso: Gypsy Jazz and American Swing

Alex's Virtual Folk Arts Series – June 2021

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The third program in Alex's Series featured [Espresso---Gypsy Jazz and American Swing](#) on June 12. By this date a live audience was able to gather at the Avalon Ballroom in Boulder, and dancers filled the floor with their brilliant moves to the fiery, vibrant music. The live-streamed concert, in-person dancing, and online viewers reached a total of about 140 people.



Espresso's repertoire features jazz tunes made famous by Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli from the Hot Club of Paris, and many American swing tunes from the 1940s and earlier. Espresso was started 18 years ago by Emily Reynolds (rhythm guitar and vocals) and Bill Pontarelli (clarinet). They were later joined in 2010 by Jordan Ramsey, and bassist Duane Webster in 2016. Together and with other players they have thrilled audiences all around the Denver/Boulder area with their fun, dynamic, and expertly delivered music.

[It's not too late to enjoy this concert on YouTube!](#)