



*Jazz Beyond Borders*

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## SVETLANA PERFORMS MUSIC FROM HER NEW ALBUM *NIGHT AT THE MOVIES* AT THE POZEZ JCC OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

Fairfax, VA—As part of the Pozez JCC of Northern Virginia’s vibrant 2019-2020 Performing Arts Series, Svetlana & the New York Swing Collective will perform on Sunday, September 15 at 4pm. The Pozez JCC is located at 8900 Little River Turnpike in Fairfax, Virginia. Tickets are \$20 and advance reservations are strongly advised. For tickets and more information visit <https://www.jccnv.org/artsculture/performing-arts-series/>

Led by world traveled Russian born vocalist Svetlana Shmulyian, the group will perform songs from her new album, *Night at the Movies*. The 14-track recording features film music representing a century of cinema and is testament to the singer’s irrepressible spirit. Years have passed since her childhood days in Soviet Russia when exposure to Western films at an underground theater helped stoke her creative fires and led her to dream of a wider world.

The singer’s dreams had to wait while she earned a BS in math (with honors) from Moscow Teachers University before moving to the East Village in the late 90s. She remained practical by day, winning multiple degrees, including a PhD in organizational psychology from Columbia University, where she taught for over a decade, but the night belonged to her. She went on to earn an MA from the Manhattan School of Music in 2015, planting seeds for her singing career and starting her core NYC group, Svetlana & the Delancey Five.

One year later, Svetlana & the Delancey Five released their second album *Night at the Speakeasy* featuring Wycliffe Gordon on Origin Records. They were soon labeled “outstanding” by Will Friedwald of the *Wall Street Journal* while *Lucid Culture* characterized them with “*Breakfast at Tiffany’s* meets *Some Like it Hot*.” (They had released *Baby It’s Cold Outside* on Winterbottom Records in 2012 with less fanfare.) In New York, the hustling combo continues to maintain plenty of hometown gigs, often featuring swing dancing. Svetlana now tours extensively across the United States and abroad.

*Night at the Movies* was given life by Grammy nominated producer Matt Pierson. Songs were arranged by Gil Goldstein and Rob Garcia. Their raw material ranged from the music of French New Wave and Soviet cinema to modern day Academy Award winners and classic animated films.

The recording and associated performances feature timeless treasures from the 1930s such as “Cheek to Cheek” from *Top Hat* and “Smile” from *Modern Times*. Listeners will share in the nostalgia of “When You Wish Upon a Star” from *Pinocchio* (1940) and “Watch What Happens” from the *Umbrellas of Cherbourg* (1964). Also on tap are Sting’s “In the Moonlight” from *Sabrina* (1995), Randy Newman’s “Almost There” (*Princess and the Frog* (2009), and “Happy” by Pharrell Williams (*Despicable Me* 2010).

In conjunction with the September release of *Night at the Movies*, Svetlana will perform in New York City, New Jersey, Connecticut, Virginia, Maryland, Washington, D.C., Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, South Carolina, Georgia and California. For tour updates, music and more, visit <http://svetlanajazz.com>.

The musicians featured in the JCC performance of Svetlana & the New York Swing Collective include pianist Willerm Delisfort, drummer Henry Conerway III and bassist Blake Meister.

The Pozez JCC is a nonprofit organization dedicated to building a strong and vibrant Jewish community through meaningful activities. Individuals of all ages, abilities, ethnicities, faiths, and backgrounds are welcome to attend its programs and classes.

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