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Maxwell Street Klezmer Band entertains Marie Murphy students. **Page 12**



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From left, singer Bibi Marcell and Alex Koffman, on violin, both of the Maxwell Street Klezmer Band, perform during an assembly on Jan. 11 at Marie Murphy School in Wilmette.

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EDUCATION

Making joyful music for youngsters' ears

Murphy students dance, play music during visit from klezmer band

By **KARIE ANGELL LUC**
Pioneer Press

The Maxwell Street Klezmer Band shared its knowledge with nearly 80 student musicians during an orchestra workshop at Murphy School on Jan. 11.

"It's (the music) joyous," said Bibi Marcell, of Vernon Hills, singer with the Maxwell Street Klezmer Band.

The concert band, which has been making music since 1983 at bookings such as weddings, performs historic klezmer music from the Eastern European Jewish community.

"People come together, and it's a celebration of all races, all cultures, all humanity," Marcell said.

Just before the workshop, small children in the audience literally danced in circles during a gym assembly as the band played.

At the end of the afternoon assembly, many audience members, including adults, danced in a larger circle with hands clasped during the last number.

"It's really cool, it's more dancing music than regular orchestra," said Guy Brown, 11, a Glenview 6th-grader who plays viola and started on strings in the 1st grade. "It's really fun."

"Klezmer music is party music. That's part of why it's so popular, even to this day," said Mary Rudzinski of Skokie, the school's orchestra teacher.

This is the first time the Maxwell Street Klezmer Band appeared at Murphy School, where more than one-third of students participate in orchestra.

The orchestra has been learning klezmer songs for more than a month, she said.

"It's (klezmer music) a different scale than our Western ears are used to hearing," Rudzinski said.

The Parent Teacher Council made possible the assembly portion of the Maxwell Street Klezmer Band's appearance. The administration funded the workshop.



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Guy Brown, 11, a 6th-grader from Glenview, performs on viola during an orchestra workshop with the Maxwell Street Klezmer Band on Jan. 11 at Murphy School in Wilmette.

Kathy Stein, of Wilmette, is a past president of the PTC and assists with program enrichment for Murphy School.

"(In) orchestra, you learn to read the notes and follow the directions of the written music, but here they want you to go off the music and interpret it," Stein said.

"You are able to interpret the music in your own way, and it's OK," Stein said.

The Maxwell Street Klezmer Band was named for Chicago's early immigrants, many of whom built lives and memories at the former open-air Maxwell Street Sunday morning market in Chicago.

Rudzinski said the music program at Murphy School strives to book professional artists, such as the Maxwell Street Klezmer Band, to help instill appreciation among young people.

"The violin will never go away," Rudzinski said.

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Children dance at an assembly featuring the Maxwell Street Klezmer Band on Jan. 11 at Murphy School in Wilmette.