



She'koyoch, Leading Klezmer Band, London



**FROM TOP:** Jeff Kreisler, New York Comedian; Stewart Curtis' K-Groove, London

# FESTIVAL FEVER

A must for your summer diary! Make sure you're part of the action from Sunday 26 – Thursday 30 June, when the International Jewish Performing Arts Festival comes to town.

An explosion of Jewish music, comedy and drama will hit the stages of The Wardrobe, the Northern Ballet and the Leeds College of Music for five electrifying summer evenings – the International Jewish Performing Arts Festival is coming to town.

With top comedians, a rich spectrum of music genres ranging from classical to funk and R&B and first-rate drama, the festival's Edinburgh Fringe style programme boasts something for everyone.

The week opens Sunday 26 June at The Wardrobe with a double helping of comedy starting with London musical comedienne, Kate Shortt. Kate has an outstanding ability to make musical instruments talk, laugh and even impersonate, in addition to her own hilarious imaginative reality comedy sketches.

Following on, top New York comedian, Jeff Kreisler and author of the bestselling satire, 'Get Rich Cheating', dissects US politics and culture and life's trials and tribulations with passion and absurdity.

There's drama with 'They Came to Leeds' from Leeds' own Limelight Drama Group and 'The Dreamer' by Jonathan Gillis, Jerusalem, at Northern Ballet.

The week's programme is bursting with a diverse range of music. A rare treat for jazz fans, Stewart Curtis' K-Groove takes a fresh approach to World

Jazz, fusing Latin, Klezmer and Arabic melodies with modern dance grooves.

The Leeds College of Music hosts The London Mozart Trio, whilst leading klezmer band, She'koyoch, labelled "inspirational" by The Guardian, will have feet tapping and hands clapping. Wickedly droll master of musical comedy cabaret, Earl Okin, also takes the stage in addition to Jay Foreman, voted Best Newcomer at the Musical Comedy Awards.

Neil Diamond fans are in for a treat when one the world's best Neil Diamond tribute shows is staged.

For those who like to get funky, The Wardrobe's purpose built gig venue, will host some of Leeds' most popular funk and R&B artists including JD73 (aka Dan Goldman) and his band, who has recorded alongside many top artists including Corrine Bailey Rae.

Now in its 11th year, organisers anticipate thousands of visitors to what will be a buzzing theatre village in this compact Arts quarter of Leeds.

**To see all shows and book tickets visit [www.leedsjewishfestival.com](http://www.leedsjewishfestival.com) or call Makor for a brochure on 0113 2680899 or email [info@makor.co.uk](mailto:info@makor.co.uk)**