

SEM 2017 Annual Meeting
Special Events Organized by the Local Arrangements Committee

Co-hosted by the University of Denver, the University of Colorado Boulder,
and Colorado College

Ethno Nights at the Mercury Café

The Mercury Café has, since its inception in 1975, been an important Colorado center for food, the arts, progressive politics, and community building. With a locally-sourced organic restaurant and bar, the Café boasts two main performance venues and will host several music/dance events in conjunction with SEM. SEM conference attendees will receive discounts on any entry fees during conference registration or at the door with their conference ID. Just 4 blocks from the Denver Marriott, we expect “The Merc” to be *the* place during SEM 2017 to eat, socialize, and enjoy great music!

Wednesday, October 25

Music of Eastern Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean

7:30-10:30pm in the Dance Hall (upstairs)

SEM conference attendee rates: \$5 with registration; \$10 at the door with conference ID; (\$15/\$10 for the public)

7:30-9pm: Planina - Songs of Eastern Europe. Planina explores the penetrating harmonies, asymmetric rhythms, and gorgeous melodies of traditional music from the Balkans and Russia.

8:45-10:15pm: Sherefe. Sherefe are the region’s most well-loved ambassadors of music from the Eastern Mediterranean specializing in music Turkey, Greece, and beyond.

SEM Open Mic Music Night

7:00-9:00pm in the Jungle Room (downstairs)

Open to individual musicians or groups. Sign-up for a performance slot of 10-30 minutes (online sign-up form coming soon).

Thursday, October 26

Music and Dance of Asia and the Middle East

7:00-11:00pm in the Jungle Room (downstairs)

SEM conference attendee rate: Free with conference ID (\$10/\$5 for the public)

This evening will include music and dance performances by Japanese, Thai, North Indian, and Middle Eastern ensembles.

Lindy Hop with a live band (TBA)

8:00pm-midnight in the Dance Hall (upstairs)

SEM conference attendee rates: \$5 with registration; \$10 at the door with conference ID

SEM members may also attend the following dance classes for \$10, paid at the door:

6:00pm: Beginning Lindy Hop (note that this class will be the fourth in a series of beginning classes)

7:00pm: Intermediate Lindy Hop

Friday, October 27

Latinx Dance Party

8:00-11:30pm in the Dance Hall (upstairs)

SEM conference attendee rates: \$5 with registration; \$10 at the door with conference ID (\$15/\$10 for the public)

8:00-9:30pm: Roka Hueka. With members from Mexico, El Salvador and the United States, Roka Hueka serves up politically-charged music with Latin influences and a ska back beat.

9:30-11:30pm: Son Illusion. Led by Alonzo Bejarano, *Son Illusion* includes musicians from Mexico, Colombia, Ecuador, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico and Denver playing a wide scope of popular Latino musical styles.

***plus* 11:30-1am: Latinx Dance DJ Set (DJ TBD)**

Saturday, October 28

Gamelan Tunas Mekar/African Music and Dance Night

6:30-11:30pm in the Dance Hall (upstairs)

SEM conference attendee rates: \$5 with registration; \$10 at the door with conference ID (\$15/\$10 for the public)

6:30-7:15pm: Gamelan Tunas Mekar. Under the direction of Balinese composer and Artist-in-Residence I Made Lasmawan, community-based Balinese Gamelan Tunas Mekar has performed by special invitation both internationally and nationally, and performs regularly at concerts throughout the Rocky Mountain region.

8:00-9:30pm: Kutandara. A local favorite, Boulder-based Kutandara plays a mix of traditional Shona mbira tunes and contemporary Zimbabwean pop songs.

10:00-11:30pm: Makomba featuring Adjei Abankwah, Mohammed Alidu, Nii Okai Areetey, and Friends. Led by former Ghana Dance Ensemble choreographer Adjei Abankwah, Mokomba presents traditional and contemporary works of African drum and dance from countries across the continent.

plus 11:30-1am Afro Pop DJ Set (DJ TBD)

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