

# Teens Telling the Neighborhood's Story

*The very best music is made when strong traditions come together.*

*The historical musical traditions of Burlington's Old North End include Eastern European Jewish music, French Canadian music and Anglo/Scottish/Irish music. Each of these traditions includes a ballad tradition, a repertoire of fiddle music, and a tradition of wind instrument playing. These sounds have already blended together to become "American Music" but there are still plenty of new ways to recombine the elements. **ONE Band** reaches back into historical Burlington traditions and recombines them in our own new mix that reflects our lives and our neighborhood, as it currently exists.*

**Burlington musicians looking to combine fiddle music with wind instruments and vocals have intensively studied these two bands to gain inspiration, tunes and ideas.**



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Formed in 1976, this extremely important band from Quebec blends traditional fiddling with four-piece brass accompaniment. They present a very sophisticated use of American and Latin American jazz harmonization in ways that complement the fiddle tune melodies. **La Bottine** provides an awesome blueprint for those who adapt traditional fiddle and vocal music to a larger band sound.



## **The Klezmatics**

This New York band is a great starting point for understanding modern fiddle and brass/woodwind interaction in a contemporary Jewish Klezmer music. The fading Klezmer tradition of the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century was revived by musicians like the **Klezmatics** who studied the style and arrangements of the bands of the 1920s and adapted them for modern ears.

Also worth listening to:

**Elixir**, from Brattleboro, is a Vermont contra dance band that blends strings and winds.

**Habedekuk** is a young band that applies the **La Bottine Souriante** brass approach to traditional Danish fiddling

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