



MEDIA ADVISORY
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The Hot Club of San Francisco: *Cool Yule*

Make this season bright with the flames of gypsy jazz

Saturday, December 17th at 7:30 pm

St. Albert, AB – Fire up your holidays with gypsy jazz ensemble **The Hot Club of San Francisco**, as they perform Christmas favorites and seasonal gems with a hip and invigorating twist. The **Arden Theatre** heats up on **December 17th** when fierce originality and fond nostalgia mix with the spirit of the season. The Hot Club of San Francisco makes their provincial debut taking guests on a jovial ride through *Cool Yule*, one of the most original, wittiest Christmas albums, and hottest stage show this season.

To hear this ensemble live is to be taken back to the small, smoky jazz clubs of Paris in the 1930s. The Hot Club of San Francisco breathes new life into gypsy jazz – an acoustic, guitar-dominated format – with their inimitable style reminiscent of Django Reinhardt and The Hot Club of France. With a sophisticated and flamboyant, yet sentimental quality, this collective keeps this historic genre of music fresh and alive with innovative arrangements of classic tunes and original compositions.

Cool Yule is not your typical Christmas concert experience. *Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer* becomes a sultry tango in *Don Rodolfo*, Vince Guaraldi's *Skating* from *A Charlie Brown Christmas* is paired with the traditional *Carol of the Bells*, and even *Santa Claus Is Coming to Town* benefits from a gypsy sound. A red-hot *Sugar Rum Cherry* swings *The Nutcracker* into a whole new genre of ballet, and more surprising twists on holiday classics will surely make this one event you won't soon forget.

Led by **Paul "Pazzo" Mehling**, dubbed the Godfather of American Gypsy Jazz, the current Hot Club of San Francisco features the brilliance of violinist **Evan Price** (one of the most respected jazz violinists of his generation), highly sought after rhythm guitar players **Jeff Magidson** and **Isabelle Fontaine**, supreme jazz floater **Clint Baker**, plus violinist **Julian Smedley**, and double bassist **Sam Rocha**.

Tickets for The Hot Club of San Francisco: *Cool Yule* are **\$45** (plus facility fee). Visit the **Arden Theatre Box Office** in person (5 St. Anne Street), purchase by phone at 780-459-1542, or through Ticketmaster* at 1-855-985-5000 or ticketmaster.ca.

*Agency fee in effect.

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