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Multiculturalism

Event 2 – Klezmer Band

On March 27, I went to see the Minnesota Klezmer Band. They are a band that has traveled world wide and played with special performers, so they There isn't much to say because it was mostly a style of music to experience, but I am a jazz performer myself playing mostly brass instruments, a few percussion, and the Jew's harp, so I appreciate events like this one. As far as why my harp is named the way it is, I have tried doing research on it. I am not sure as to why it is labeled "Jew's Harp," although I have found that they were made differently all over the world, and they were a great war time instrument because of its level of volume.

The band was quite humorous, and they liked to push the theme of living as the "Frozen Chosen" being that they have lived up here where it is cold. Like I said in my presentation, being considered chosen to them is having extra goals and challenges, not the fact that they consider themselves superior.

The music was great. To me it was all jazz with a different style. I love the combination of the violin and clarinet in the pieces. Not much of a piano fan, but the pianist sounded good to. I believe they said that all of their pieces were written by them, so Klezmer is not as much of a style of music as it recognizes a person in Jewish history.