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Profile: Ernie Gruner

Ernie is a leader of community music projects around Australia and New Zealand, including decades of Turramurra music camps, Return of the Kingfisher festivals, Labyrinths, and Jewish music workshops. Ernie is Australia's leading klezmer violinist and a significant contributor to Australian world music. He teaches violin, klezmer and nigun (Jewish wordless song).

A co-founder and member many bands, theatre and cabaret groups, he appears at major festivals and concert venues, ABC TV's Spicks and Specks and has 90+ recording credits.

Ernie studied classical violin and Irish fiddle in Melbourne, klezmer in New York, Krakow, Budapest and Montreal. He performs across multiple genres -klezmer, jazz, blues, Latin, art and folk (Middle Eastern, Balkan, Irish, Gypsy). He loves improvising with bands and plays regularly for Melbourne Playback Theatre and a range of other Theatre groups,

Bowlines (string trio) and labyrinth walks.

Ernie plays with Bohemian Nights (Euro/Jazz/Tango), Klezmeritis, Saray Iluminado

(Bosnian/Sephardic); was a member of Yalla!, Dya Singh band, Zingara, Howlin' Wind Band and accompanied Shane Howard, Zulya Kamalova, Kavisha Mazzella, Bronwyn Calcutt,

M and Brahim Benim. Ernie led the Monash String Quartet and was an orchestral violinist.



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