

“A Gypsy consommé with a satanic pulse” – Garth Cartwright, Fruits Magazine

TATCHO DROM

TATCHO DROM stage a vibrant show of beautiful melodies and dancing rhythms from Eastern Europe and the Balkans. Inspired by the charisma of Esmá Redžepova, the virtuosity of Taraf de Haïdouks and the humour of Emir Kusturica, they lure listeners into a world of pain and joy, delivering an exciting and memorable performance.

TATCHO DROM are considered one of the UK’s leading exponents of Romany Gypsy music. Their name translates to ‘True Journey’ from Romanes, the language of Romany Gypsies. Their broad repertoire includes traditional music from across Eastern Europe and the Balkans as well as band leader’s Gundula’s own original compositions.

Gundula Gruen is a virtuoso violinist and singer who has travelled extensively, transcribing melodies that she learned first-hand from Gypsies and folk musicians. Described by Songlines Magazine as ‘a shining star in the UK’s Balkan music scene’, her unique performance style showcases a technical ability acquired through intensive conservatoire training as well as a colourful and charismatic personality. Her arrangements and compositions, whilst drawing influence from her love and extensive knowledge of Romany Gypsy music, are original and highly personal.



TATCHO DROM’s principal line-up features a multi-national quintet of dynamic musicians: Violin-vocals, guitar, accordion, cello and percussion.

Past performances include the main stages of Rhythm of the World and Crawley Festivals, The Purcell Room, The Union Chapel as well as intimate, un-plugged performances at the Canterbury Festival and unusual venues.

Tatcho Drom also deliver workshops in Balkan and Eastern European music. The workshop subjects include singing, percussion, music and dance - [Workshop Info](#).

“Virtuoso violinist Gundula Gruen has long been a shining star on the UK’s Balkan music scene” ... Huge musical talent and impressive energy” - Songlines Magazine

“Tatcho Drom’s energy is contagious and that carried across the audience tonight” - Union Chapel concert audience quote

“Band leader and violinist Gundula’s playing imparts the true soul of Gypsy music, full of colour and passion, an explosion of energy” - Vesti, Serbian international Newspaper

Recording

The Devil's Lentil Soup

Traditional songs and pieces in innovative arrangements and compositions by Gundula Gruen
Produced by Gundula Gruen, released in 2012 and distributed by CDbaby.

The album received first class reviews from [Froots](#), and [Songlines](#) Magazines, and was featured on BBC 6 music by Cerys Mathews and other local, national and international radio stations.



Listen to Tatcho Drom:

- <http://snd.sc/QxE4ed> Amarisi Amari: Hungarian Romany Gypsy Song
- <http://snd.sc/10BoAXh> Jarnana: Albanian folk song
- <https://goo.gl/d4KJBD> Mori Sokol Pie - Falkon Fly: Traditional Macedonian song - composition by G Gruen

Videos of Tatcho Drom:

- **Lolli Phabay – Kikko:**
https://youtu.be/WMd4sTMfbUs?list=PLNCsSjIb8A47W8GGvdc6_QXr5g723xazV
- **Excerpts from Richmond 'On The Edge' Festival:** <https://youtu.be/L-vXFnOSBiQ>
- **Tu Djaial – Kujawiacy:**
https://youtu.be/xns3s9fEnDw?list=PLNCsSjIb8A47W8GGvdc6_QXr5g723xazV
- **Tutti Frutti:**
https://youtu.be/IM1Go2Kq1zU?list=PLNCsSjIb8A47W8GGvdc6_QXr5g723xazV
- **Mori Sokol Pie**, Live at Union Chapel: <https://youtu.be/gQ6WilNQ4YI>
- **Tatcho Drom Video Playlist:** <https://goo.gl/DcIs5O>

Tatcho Drom's Past Performances and Activities:

Art Centres:

- The Stables Milton Keynes
- Bridport Art Centre, Dorset
- Pound Arts Centre, Corsham
- The Hawth Art Centre, Crawley
- Bedford Corn Exchange
- Chipping Norton Theatre
- Norden Farm Arts Centre
- Comberton Arts and Leisure Centre
- South Hill Park, Bracknell
- Square Chapel Arts Centre
- Arts Depot, North Finchley
- Quarterhouse, Kent

Concert Halls and Theatres:

- Coronation Hall, Ulverston
- Purcell Room, SBC, London
- Oakengates Theatre, Shropshire
- Stadtweinhaus, Muenster, Germany

- Union Chapel, London
- Blackheath Halls, London

- Victoria and Albert Museum Theatre
- Cecil Sharp House, London

Other Art Venues:

- Ignite Music Series, Royal Albert Hall, London
- Le Quecumbar, London
- Green Note, London
- Mas Café, Luton
- Ashford Youth Centre
- St Michaels Church, Norfolk
- Highbury Roundhouse, London
- Notting Hill Arts Club
- Relentless Garage, London
- Richmix, London
- New Empowering Church, London
- The Serbian Embassy
- Windsor Auditorium, Royal Holloway University
- Islington Museum, London
- Concorde College, Shropshire
- Jamboree, London
- St Gabriels Church, Wanstead, London
- The Serbian Orthodox Church Hall, London
- St Ethelburgas, London
- The Round Chapel, Hackney, London
- Battersea Park Bandstand
- Vortex Jazz Club, London
- Proud Music Venue, Chalk Farm, London
- Darbuka Club, London

Festivals:

- Holloway Arts Festival
- Tog Fest
- Balkan Fever Festival, London
- Molton Diversity Arts Festival, London
- Rhythms of the World Festival, Hitchin
- Music For Change Festival, Canterbury
- Notting Hill Mayfest
- Canterbury Festival
- Celebrating Sanctuary Festival, Southbank, London
- Equator Festival, London
- Vortex Outdoor Festival
- Richmond On the Edge Festival
- Journeys Festival, Leicester
- Hidrellez Festival, London
- Crawley Folk Festival

Rural Touring Schemes:

- Villages in Action, Devon
- Northants Touring Arts
- Centre Stage Leicester
- Creative Arts East
- Lincolnshire Rural Touring
- Village Ventures Northamptonshire
- Rural Arts Wiltshire
- Arts Alive, Shropshire

Media Appearances:

- BBC Three Counties: Roma Rocket Radio
- BBC Radio 6 music: Cerys Matthews Show
- Resonance Radio: Cultural Co-operation Program
- SOAS Radio
- TRT (Turkish State Television) Farkli Kultur - Ayne Musik international music documentary
- Channel 4 Documentary "How Music Works"

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