OhioHealth

GYPSY CARAVAN

Directed by Jasmine Dellal.

and Albert Maysles.

MPAA rating: unrated

Running time: 1:50

Photographed by Alain de Halleux

Now showing at the Drexel East

Choose category: Dispatch.com - ALL | Search

HOME PAGE

News

Metro & State

DispatchPolitics.com

Community News National / World

Insight | Weather

Editorials

Blogs

Columnists

School closings

Lottery | Obituaries

Health | Science

Faith and Values

Docs Rate Docs

Special Reports

Great Schools

The Hot Issue

Offheat News

AP PodCasts

Sports BuckeyeXtra.com

OSU football

OSU basketball (M)

OSU basketball (W)

Bob Hunter columns

Rob Oller columns
Ray Stein's mailbox

Bengals | Browns

High school sports

High school AOTW

Reds | Indians

Crew | Clippers

Fantasy football

Other OSU sports

Writers' blogs

Blue Jackets

Cavaliers

Auto racing

Search the archive

Electronic Edition

Dispatch Español

Corrections

Education

MOVIE REVIEW | GYPSY CARAVAN Documentary dispels myths about Romani

Friday, November 2, 2007 3:40 AM

BY KEVIN CRUST LOS ANGELES TIMES

SEARCH:

The term *gypsy*, often used pejoratively, conjures images of wastrels, vagabonds, fortunetellers and thieves, not to mention a distant memory of Cher belting out: "I was born in the wagon of a traveling show ..."

The label has dogged the Romani people

The label has dogged the Romani people -- thought to be descendants of nomads who left India a thousand years ago and fanned out across Europe -- throughout their history.

Yet they bear the name with a certain defiant pride, eager to prove their detractors wrong. In recent years, the "Gypsy Caravan" concert tours have brought the musical culture and flavor of these people to American audiences to great acclaim.

Filmmaker Jasmine Dellal, recognizing a rich subject when she saw one, assembled a crew that included famed documentarian Albert Maysles (*Gimme Shelter* and *Grey Gardens*) and chronicled the fall 2001 tour.

The result is the intoxicating documentary *Gypsy Caravan*, which uncovers the same joy and sorrow that characterize the Romani music in the everyday lives of the musicians who play it.

The film starts with a Romani proverb -- "You cannot walk straight when the road bends" -- and, through the six-week North American tour that features five disparate musical acts from four countries, the film follows a bending road, indeed. Amid the performances and heavy traveling schedule occur some of life's more dramatic moments, including a wedding and a funeral.

Dellal allows her audience to observe from the wings, with an all-access pass that grants intimate entree to the rehearsals, tour bus, hotels and ultimately the homes of the artists.

As compelling as the music and concert footage is, the vitality of the performers as characters is what enables the movie to transcend the music-documentary genre. No dramatist could create a figure as charismatic as Esma Redzepova, known as the "Queen of the Gypsies," who along with her husband adopted 47 children and founded a music school.



Own A Gypsy Caravan

Build Your Own Gypsy Caravan A Book, Plans and Kits Available

www.amvardo.com/caravan

100% Free Personals

Meet singles in your area now. We're 100% free for everything!

DateHookup.com

Romanelli & Hughes

Building custom homes and condos in the Central Ohio area

www.rh-homes.com

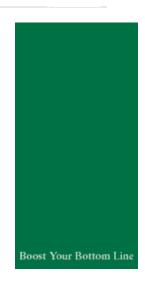
Columbus OH Condo Quest

Discover Ways to Simplify your life April 28 - May 6 - See Details

www.columbuscondoquest.com/

②





Law & order

Golf | Outdoors

Destroyers

Live odds

Game matchups

The film records a vibrant diaspora that exists despite centuries of persecution. The one thing all the members of the tour seem to want to convey is the absurdity of the stereotypes.

Business

Stocks
Personal Finance
Business Wire
Salary.com

Life & Arts

The Flip Side WeekEnder You Tell Us Blogs Community Datebook Travel Dispatch Kitchen Home & Garden Your Garden | Pets NOW! for kids **USA** Weekend Horoscopes Games & Puzzles Wallpaper Hot Issue Game On! Slide / Video Shows Hello, Columbus Upload Pet Photos

Story tools

PRINTER-FRIENDLY VERSION

E-MAIL THIS STORY

SEARCH THE DISPATCH ARCHIVE

SUBSCRIBE

GET OUR RSS HEADLINES FEEDS

TODAY'S TOP STORIES

- Bowl-bound fans making plans for, uh ... someplace
- Rest will aid OSU's title shot effort
- Bob Hunter commentary: There's good, bad to Carr's retirement
- Buckeyes' bowl possibilities
- College Football Insider
- Murder-suicide takes neighbors by surprise
- Carr confirms rumor
- NFL: how former Buckeyes, other central Ohioans fared yesterday
- Wells, Gholston, Heacock honored
- Police investigate suspicious death on South Side



7-Day Life/Arts index



COMMUNITY HEADLINES

Or **click here**, to read more headlines from your community.

Brought to you by:



Advertiser Links

Mortgage Rates at 5.125% Fixed

Fed Fund Rates Drop Again. Lower Your Monthly Payment. Act Fast! www.MortgageSavingZone.com

New Formula Centrum®

Enter for a chance to win in the Centrum® Better Together Sweepstakes www.Centrum.com

Mortgage Rates at 4.875%

Get \$225,000 loan for \$914/month. Lower Your Monthly Payment. Act Now!

Buy a link here

Weekender Blogs

Contests

Today's events

Movie times

Events this weekend

Find a restaurant

Submit an event

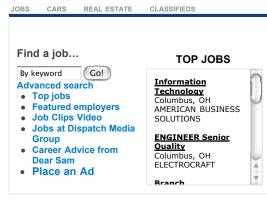
Services

Register Edit Profile | Help! Make us your homepage Sign up for Other sites Newspaper in Education **Dispatch Events** Jobs at The Dispatch Celebrations! info Dispatch Media Kit Text version RSS feeds Contact Us Dispatch online Subscribe to the paper Manage newspaper Newspaper FAQs

AP Arts headlines

- Donny Osmond Apologizes to Larry King
- Celebrity Apprentice' Stars Announced
- British RoyalsMarking 60thAnniversary
- 'Idol' Alums Win 3 American Music Awards
- Rhys Meyers Arrested at Dublin Airport
- Kidman Tells Court of Paparazzi Chase
- MTV Looks to Conquer Middle East Market
- Dempsey Ponders Role As 2nd Sexiest Man
- Animated 3-D 'Beowulf' Slays Box Office
- TBS' `Frank TV' Goes for Good Impression





SPECIAL SECTIONS



FIND IT FAST!

Classifieds

- Find a Home
- Rentals
- Obituaries
- Pets
- Place an Ad Columbus Cars
- Columbus Jobs
- Video Job Clips

News

- Metro & State
- Community News
- National / World Insight
- Weather
- Editorials
- Columnists
- School closings
- Corrections
- Lottery
- Obituaries Health
- Docs Rate Docs
- Science
- Education
- Special Reports Great Schools
- The Hot Issue
- Search the archive

Sports

- NCAA Tournament
- OSU Football
- OSU Basketball (M) OSU Basketball (W)
- Other OSU Sports
- BuckeyeXtra.com
- Writers' blogs
- High School Sports • Blue Jackets
- Crew
- Clippers
- Destroyers Bengals
- Browns
- Reds
- Indians Cavaliers
- Auto Racing
- Golf

Business

- Stocks Personal Finance
- 2006 Tax Guide
- Business Wire
- Salarv.com

Life & Arts

- The Flip Side
- WeekEnder
- Blogs
- Community Datebook
- Travel
- Dispatch Kitchen
- Home & Garden
- Your Garden
- Pets
- NOW! for kids
- USA Weekend
- Horoscopes
- Games & Puzzles
- Blogs
- Hot Issue
- Game On!
- Slide / Video Shows
- Special Sections
- Upload Pet Photos

- Electronic Edition
- Offbeat News
- AP PodCasts
- Dispatch Español
- Outdoors Live Odds
- Game Matchups

- RSS feeds
- Contests

Fun and Games

- Horoscopes
- Crossword puzzle Crossword Extra
- Contests

Interact

- Blogs
- The Hot Issue
- Submit a Pet Photo
- RSS feeds
- · Hello, Columbus

Related Sites

- Dispatch Extra
- BuckeyeXtra OhioElects
- WBNS 10TV
- 1460 The Fan
- Mix 97.1
- This Week Community Newspapers
- Ohio News Network
- Dispatch Espanol
- Columbus Alive
- Columbus Parent Magazine
- NIE Newspaper in Education Dispatch Classifieds
- Columbus Real Estate
- Columbus Cars
- Columbus Jobs

Services

- Register
- Edit Profile
- Help!
- Make us your homepage
- Sign up for newsletters
- Other sites
- Newspaper in Education Dispatch Events
- Jobs at The Dispatch
- Celebrations! info
- Dispatch Media Kit Text version
- Contact Us
- Dispatch online store
- Subscribe to the paper
- Manage newspaper Newspaper FAQs

WBNS (10TV) | Ohio News Network | Columbus Alive | 1460 The Fan | Mix 97.1 | BuckeyeXtra ThisWeek Community Newspapers | TheBAG | Columbus Parent Magazine | Dispatch Español |

©2007, The Columbus Dispatch, Reproduction prohibited Home | Site map | Privacy policy | Advertise with Dispatch.com Help!