

## **Carpathian Chaos**

This ensemble will specialize in Jewish, Ukrainian and Moldavian tunes known in the Carpathian mountain town of Cookie's father, Nizhni Veretski, taught and refined in the ensemble by the power team, Veretski Pass, with all three members, Cookie, Stu and Josh circulating around the participants, showing the secrets of rhythmic flexibility through drills and exercises in communication, changing tempos, maintaining energy throughout performance, exploring emergency procedures to minimize damage due to train wrecks on stage, personality conflicts and assignment of leadership. The ensemble will work with improvisation in the old style, isolating motivic cells and varying them immediately through the "Simon Says" method. Participants will learn the function of melodies and their accompaniments, ornamentation and variation. While creating alto, tenor and bass lines, fills and turnarounds, the students will create and perform a unique synthesis culminating in a multi-level suite.