

Nauryz with Roksonaki

A smash hit at the 2002 Smithsonian Folklife Festival, Roksonaki pioneered the creation of a unique sound that integrates ancient Kazakh instrumentation with contemporary rock and jazz using motifs drawn from Eurasia's indigenous religious traditions. This tour gives lucky audiences an opportunity to learn about Central Asian culture directly from the source.

Roksonaki are Ruslan Kara, Yerlan Sabitov, and Galymzhan Sekeyev with Dr. Dina Amirova, Folklorist, Dr. Helen Faller, Anthropologist

These events are free and open to the public.

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Tuesday, March 18 • 7 pm

Lecture and Demonstration Ann Arbor District Library, 343 South Fifth Avenue

Thursday, March 20 • 8 pm Performance

Stamps Auditorium in the Charles R. Walgreen, Jr. Drama Center, 1226 Murfin, North Campus, University of Michigan

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