

Twin Cities Hot Club  
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The Twin Cities Hot Club (TCHC) represents Minnesota in the burgeoning revival of gypsy jazz originally popularized by Django Reinhardt, Stephane Grappelli and the Hot Club of France. They recreate not only the famous la pompe (the pump) that distinguishes this romantic brand of acoustic jazz, but also gypsy bossanova, musette, bolero and swing. TCHC perform this timeless deep-rooted music that is physical, and speaks directly to the heart.

The Twin Cities Hot Club was formed in September of 2004 near St. Anthony Falls, the birthplace of Minneapolis. A rather perceptive audience member approached guitarist Robert Bell during a performance and stated "there was a guitar player on this stage last night and you guys sound very similar." The listener presented Robert with a CD from Reynold Philipsek. The "similar" was the influence of Django Reinhardt. Robert and Reynold performed together for many Django "Tribute" shows and felt the positive reaction from audiences confirmed the need for a permanent group. Matt Senjem always loved Gypsy Jazz and his longtime association with Robert made him an excellent choice as bassist. Gary Schulte's incredible violin work caught the trio's attention when he sat in on a performance.

TCHC have been sharing their expressive, "hot" style with audiences ever since. The group has been featured on KBEM Jazz 88.5fm, Minnesota Public Radio, and has received rave reviews in Vintage Guitar Magazine, Acoustic Guitar Magazine, the Twin Cities Jazz Society Newsletter and the Minneapolis Star Tribune. In 2006, TCHC was nominated as best Jazz group by the Minnesota Music Academy.

The group has been very well received at The Cedar, The Dakota, The Varsity, University of Minnesota, University of Wisconsin at Madison and Caroline's Jazz Club in Milwaukee WI. Notable performances include; author Michael Dregni's book release Django the Life and Music of a Gypsy Legend, Twin Cities Hot Summer Jazz Festival, Ultimate Lindy Hop Showdown, Minnesota Sur Seine with Dorado Schmitt, Minnesota State Fair and the Uptown Row Django Jazz Festival to name a few.

Twin Cities Hot Club performs every Sunday at 8:00PM in Minneapolis MN at the Times Bar and Café. For more information, please visit their website, at [www.twincitieshotclub.com](http://www.twincitieshotclub.com).

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