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## ***Blato Zlato's "The Discovery of Voyager" transports audiences to a distant world***



**New Orleans Airlift** is thrilled to announce its latest artistic collaboration in the Music Box Village with New Orleans locals **Blato Zlato**. "The Discovery of Voyager" commemorates the 40th anniversary of the launch of NASA's Voyager space probe and its iconic golden record by imagining its discovery by distant extraterrestrial life. Using dance, visual projection, sampled sounds, and live musical performance, "The Discovery of Voyager" transports audiences through space where alien life forms discover the record and try to make sense of it, using the Music Box Village itself as their "record player". The songs and sounds of the golden record are re-interpreted and played back by a stellar cast of national and local talent including **Helen Gillet, Binky Griptite (Sharon Jones and the Dap Kings), Carl LeBlanc (Sun Ra Arkestra), Rebecca Crenshaw, Seguenon Kone**, and many more!

“New Orleans Airlift's Music Box Village is the perfect venue for us and an array of world-renowned musicians to experiment with sound and create new music together in an environment that's unique and other-worldly,” says Blato Zlato accordionist and vocalist Lou Carrig. “Performing at the Music Box Village requires the artists to think creatively and approach music with a beginner's mind, just as aliens might experience listening to Earth's sounds and music for the first time.”

## **December 1 & 2 - *The Discovery of Voyager* - a multimedia tribute to the 1977 Voyager Golden Record performed live in the Music Box Village**

Blato Zlato and New Orleans Airlift present an other-worldly tribute to Voyager's golden record with sounds both foreign and familiar, terrifying and beautiful.

Featuring **Helen Gillet (cello); Rebecca Crenshaw (viola); Binky Griptite (Sharon Jones & the Dap-Kings); Carl LeBlanc (Sun Ra Arkestra; Preservation Hall Jazz Band); Seguenon Kone (African percussion); Melissa Guion (MJ Guider); FLOCK Dance Company; The Furniture Music Ensemble (new compositions by Jeff Pagano);** Compositions by **Richard Reed Parry (Arcade Fire); 9th Ward Marching Band,** and more to be announced!

**Blato Zlato** is a New Orleans-based Balkan band featuring dreamy three-part vocal harmonies over hard-hitting instrumentals. The band performs folk and composed music from the Balkans and Eastern Europe with a particular focus on Bulgarian songs and dark, improvisational arrangements. Blato Zlato was recently featured by the Gambit in its 2017 Music Issue highlighting up-and-coming bands to watch in New Orleans. Their debut album, "Swamp Gold," was released in 2017.

In tandem with “The Discovery of Voyager”, Blato Zlato will also release a limited edition 10” gold vinyl record, VOYAGE (EP), featuring their arrangement of the Bulgarian song on the golden record, *Izlel e Delyo Haidutin*.

**Friday, December 1 & Saturday, December 2, 2017 / One show per night!**

**\$20 Advance / \$25 Door**

**Doors at 6:30PM, Show at 7:00PM**

For tickets visit <https://squareup.com/store/Airlift/>

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