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# BLATO ZLATO

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*Balkan swamp gold  
in the heart of New Orleans*

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### **Blato Zlato Announces the Release of Debut Album, “Swamp Gold”**

Blato Zlato will celebrate the release of their first album, *Swamp Gold*, on Saturday January 7<sup>th</sup> at 8 PM at The AllWays Lounge (2240 St Claude Ave., New Orleans). The evening will feature three bands from New Orleans’ burgeoning Balkan music scene, with Blato Zlato being joined by Trendafilka, an all-women choir that performs polyphonic vocals from the Balkans and Eastern Europe, and Backyard Belladonna Balkan Brass Brand, performing hard-hitting songs in the tradition of full Balkan brass bands. The \$10 admission includes homemade and potluck Eastern European dishes.



*Swamp Gold* is Blato Zlato’s debut full-length album and features traditional Bulgarian and Eastern European melodies interpreted through languid, dark arrangements and three-part vocal harmonies. The album’s cover art is an ink and watercolor painting by local artist Pippin Frisbie-Calder with lettering and graphic design by John Rushing. The CD features limited-edition iridescent lettering hand pressed by John Fitzgerald, Fitzgerald Letterpress.

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#### **ABOUT BLATO ZLATO**

Blato Zlato (“Swamp Gold” in Bulgarian) is a New Orleans-based conglomeration of three-part vocal harmonies and Balkan instrumentals. Formed in 2015, the band performs folk and composed music from the Balkans and Eastern Europe, with a particular focus on Bulgarian songs and improvisational, dreamy, full-energy arrangements.

**MEMBERS:** Lou Carrig (Accordion, Vocals), Ian Cook (Violin), Annalisa Kelly (Vocals), Pete Olynciw (Upright Bass), Ruby Ross (Vocals), Boyanna Trayanova (Percussion)