**Storytelling**

The 2016-2017 season of the Caravan of Stories will begin with a summer social on Saturday, August 20, from 1-4 pm. We have so many tales to tell that we decided to hold the social at a venue where listeners can come and go as they please – Kaleidoscope Coffee, 109 Park Place, in Point Richmond. Come for just one story or stay for them all, and find out more about the season to come! See our Facebook page for details.

**Film**

Our film series resumes in October, bringing us twelve unique documentary films produced in France in 2015. All films have English subtitles. Rare films that highlight folk music from around the world. Films include *Between Us, The Poet’s Salary, Singing for a Lost Country,* and *Crying for the Dead*.

**Music**

This year, the Silk Road House will highlight the musical talents of our own community, with our first Open Mic on Sunday, September 18, from 3.30-4.30 (or until the last note is played). The afternoon will start with a concert on Stories and Music from 1-3, featuring a dombra performance. We will then open the stage for all musicians to share their gift of song – vocal performances and instruments of all kinds are welcome!
Kazakh Folk Singing Circle

Love good music and good company? We are launching a singing circle dedicated to the folk songs of Kazakhstan on Saturday, October 16, under the direction of our inimitable president, Alma Kunanbaev. No experience is necessary, and all ages are welcome.

Lecture Series

Our lecture series continues to bring world-class scholars to speak about Central Asia. Gulnar Kendirbai (Columbia University) will speak on “The Kalmk Puzzle” on September 4; John Colarusso (McMaster University) will deliver a talk on the Nart Sagas of the West Caucasus in October; and Walter “Zev” Feldman (Jewish Music Research Center, pictured) will join us in December.

Nawruz

Nawruz will return with the songs, dance, and of course the delicious food of Central Asia to celebrate New Year 2017!

Nawruz, community music programs, and, soon, our updated website are supported in part by a grant from the Arts Council of California.

We hope to see you soon!