

Astrograss Performs Family Concert At the Jewish Museum Sunday, October 12

New York, NY – The kids bluegrass band Astrograss will perform a concert for families on Sunday, October 12 at 11:30 am at The Jewish Museum. Presenting a rich blend of bluegrass, old-time, and folk music, Astrograss will lead the audience in sing-alongs to traditional classics and high-energy fiddle hoedowns. The band will also perform tunes from their 2012 album, *Colored Pencil Factory*, as well as songs celebrating the natural world in honor of the Jewish holiday of Sukkot.

Tickets are \$18 per adult; \$13 per child; \$15 adult Jewish Museum family level member; and \$11 child Jewish Museum family level member. This lively concert is for children age 3 and up. Adults are asked to accompany their children. For further information regarding family programs, the public may call 212.423.3337. Concert tickets can be purchased online at TheJewishMuseum.org/familyconcerts. The Jewish Museum is located at Fifth Avenue and 92nd Street, Manhattan.

In response to a local Brooklyn parents' search of live musical entertainment for the whole family, Astrograss began playing its family shows in 2004. The band consists of Jordan Shapiro on guitar, Sarah Alden on fiddle, Dennis Lichtman on mandolin, Jonah Bruno on banjo, and Tim Kiah on bass. Astrograss family shows are for parents who want to be as enlivened as they want their children to be. In 2006 they won the *Time Out New York Kids'* Battle of the Bands contest at the Knitting Factory, and later recorded with Dan Zanes as his backup band for the benefit album, *Bright Spaces 2*. Zanes produced their first album, *Astrograss for Kids*, a collection of Shel Silverstein poems set to music. Performance highlights include sold-out shows at Brooklyn Academy of Music's Harvey Theatre and Symphony Space, as well as shows at the Brooklyn Children's Museum, Riverbank State Park, The Brooklyn Botanical Garden, and the Grey Fox Bluegrass Festival.

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About The Jewish Museum

Located on Museum Mile at Fifth Avenue and 92nd Street, the Jewish Museum is one of the world's preeminent institutions devoted to exploring art and Jewish culture from ancient to contemporary, offering intellectually engaging, educational, and provocative exhibitions and programs for people of all ages and backgrounds. The Museum was established in 1904, when Judge Mayer Sulzberger donated 26 ceremonial objects to The Jewish Theological Seminary as the core of a museum collection. Today, the Museum maintains a collection of over 30,000 works of art, artifacts, and broadcast media reflecting global Jewish identity, and

presents a diverse schedule of internationally acclaimed temporary exhibitions.

The Jewish Museum is located at 1109 Fifth Avenue at 92nd Street, New York City. Museum hours are Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, 11 am to 5:45 pm; Thursday, 11 am to 8 pm; and Friday, 11 am to 4 pm. Museum admission is \$15.00 for adults, \$12.00 for senior citizens, \$7.50 for students, free for visitors 18 and under and Jewish Museum members. Admission is Pay What You Wish on Thursdays from 5pm to 8pm and free on Saturdays. For information on The Jewish Museum, the public may call 212.423.3200 or visit the website at TheJewishMuseum.org.

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