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**LIVE MUSIC AND CONVERSATION WITH DAVID BROZA FEATURED AT  
OPENING NIGHT OF RUTGERS JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL ON OCTOBER 28**

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. – The New Jersey premiere of the Israeli film *East Jerusalem West Jerusalem* opens the sixteenth annual Rutgers Jewish Film Festival on October 28 at the Nicholas Music Center at Rutgers. The film screening will be followed by Q&A and live music by world-renowned Israeli musician David Broza.

The film documents Broza, who, in 2013, brought together a group of Israeli, Palestinian, and American musicians to record music under the direction of Grammy Award-winning performer Steve Earle. For eight days and nights, the musicians – including Issa Freij, Mira Awad, and the rap duo GTown – participated in a marathon recording session held in East Jerusalem. Pausing only to indulge in each other's local cuisines, the group discovered the universal power of music, even within a longtime war zone, and Broza realized a dream of Palestinians and Israelis creating a dialogue through music. For a sampling of music from the film, visit <http://www.davidbroza.net/en/music/East-Jerusalem-West-Jerusalem/>

Opening night festivities begin at 7:30 p.m. at Rutgers' Nicholas Music Center, 85 George Street, New Brunswick. Tickets for opening night range from \$6 - \$20. Free parking is available. A matinee screening of the film is scheduled for November 1 at the Regal Cinema Commerce Center, North Brunswick. For information, or to purchase tickets online, visit the website [BildnerCenter.rutgers.edu](http://BildnerCenter.rutgers.edu). To contact festival staff, email [rujff@rci.rutgers.edu](mailto:rujff@rci.rutgers.edu), or call **848-932-4166**. Advance ticket purchase is strongly recommended as screenings often sell out prior to the festival.

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