As one of the most purely esthetic of all human activities, music is almost without rival as a form of symbolic emotional expression. In "Music and Cultures" we will examine in detail the music and people who created: klezmer, Roma (Gypsy) and jazz and Rock and Roll particular to what we find in Czech Republic. Through lectures, readings, recordings, live concerts and film, students will become familiar with these different cultures through the study of these people and their folk music.