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'L' Chaim to Life, A musical celebration of Eastern European Culture Featuring Guest Entertainer Mike Burstyn

A spirited program showcasing Jewish and Yiddish music and songs of Russia, Poland and other Eastern European countries performed by artists rich with Eastern European roots is presented by the Los Angeles Jewish Symphony (LAJS) on Sunday, August 9, 7:30 p.m., at the Ford Amphitheatre. "L'CHAIM!" (To Life, a Musical Celebration of Eastern European Culture, features guest entertainer Mike Burstyn and LAJS Founder/Artistic Director Noreen Green, who leads the orchestra with soloists Mark Kashper, violin, Zinovy Goro, clarinet, and Yevgeniy Milyavskiy, piano, in an evening that toasts hallowed cultural traditions.

The first half of the program includes Wladislaw Szpilman's Piano Concertino, featured in the Academy Award-winning film "The Pianist" and written while the composer was interned in the Warsaw Ghetto. Rising pianist Yevgeniy Milyavskiy's performance represents the LAJS's artistic vision providing opportunities for young musicians to appear with a

symphony orchestra. Also on the program is The Fiddler, based on a Yiddish Shalom Aleichem tale, written by American composer Elliot Finkel for violin, narrator and orchestra, spotlighting LAJS Concertmaster Mark Kashper and entertainer Mike Burstyn. Rounding out the evening's first half is To the Wedding with soloist Zinovy Goro, clarinet, by Grzegorz Fitelberg (1879-1953), the legendary composer/conductor internationally known as "the Ambassador of Polish Music" whose life was dedicated to promoting Polish art, culture, and music worldwide. The program's second half features Burstyn and the orchestra presenting music, songs and stories, adding their voices to international efforts to promote the revival of the endangered legacy of Yiddish language, culture and history. revitalizes the legacy of Jewish music and spans the broad range of Jewish heritage from the nadir of adversity to the triumph of accomplishment.