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Los Angeles Jewish Symphony Presents *L'Chaim* "To Life" A Musical Celebration of Eastern European Culture Sun. Aug. 9 Ford Amphitheatre

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, 2009, 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, Zinoviy 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 Zinoviy 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.

Since 1994, the Los Angeles Jewish Symphony, under the baton of Dr. Noreen Green, has been dedicated to the performance of orchestral works of distinction which explore Jewish culture, heritage and expertise. It also serves as an important resource for aspiring composers and musicians. Dr. Green, LAJS founder and artistic director, is a renowned lecturer on Jewish music, and an

accomplished educator. Under her baton, the orchestra has performed in concert with a number of artists including Billy Crystal, Tovah Feldshuh, Leonard Nimoy, Randy Newman, Theodore Bikel, Laraine Newman, Valerie Harper, Pat Boone, Laurie Kazan, Fyvush Finkel, Dave Koz, Marvin Hamlisch and others.

Burstyn, one of the world's most popular Jewish entertainers, has enjoyed a unique international career entertaining audiences on stage, screen and television, in nightclubs and on concert stages throughout the world. Born to a famed family of actors, his work includes "The Komediand," a documentary about

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