## JEWISH ARTS THE

Comedy writer Hal Kanter will be master of ceremonies for a lineup of comedy and musical celebrities in Music, Comedy and fluidishiest IV, a benefit show for the West Coast Jewish Theater, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at the Gindi Auditonium of the University of Judalsm. Joining Kanter will be comedy veteran Shelley Berman, acress-singer Bonnie Franklin, Charles Fleischer (the voice of Roger Rabbit), singer and film star Milke Burstyn, comedians Steve Mitteman, Wendy Kamenoff and Alan Murray, Yiddish humorst Archib Barkan, singer Lisa Wanamaker, "Seinfeld" guest star Len Lesser performing an except from Ira Levin's play Cantonial, and a klezmer band. Known for presenting staged readings, the nonprofit West Coast Jewish Theater will begin mounting fully-produced works at a

nonprofit West Coast Jewish Theater will begin mounting fully-produced works at a Westside venue this fall. Its producing director is Judy Arnold and its new executive and artistic director is Jeremiah Morris. General seating costs \$50; for preferred



FATEFUL TRIP — Children of the Kindertransport put on a show in a scene from documentary, Into the Arms of Strangers.

seating, tickets cost \$100. Tickets are tax-deductible. For ns, call (310) 476-9777, Ext. 201

On Sunday, April 29, the L.A. Jewish Symphony

On Sunday, April 29, the L.A. Jewish Symphony concludes its season with an inspirational concert honoring survivors of the Holocaust at 17 p.m., at Valley Beth Shalom, Encino.

The concert, "Remembrances, Reflections of the Holocaust," will feature two world premiere compositions, sutiles from the Oscar-normisated film into the Arms of Strangers: Stories of the Kindertransport and Waldsyslaw Szpilman's Pana Concerto.

Robert Elfman, a Deyear-old sophomore at USC, wrote the award-winning work And We Will Telf Them after being inspired by a visit to a death camp when he was 16 years old. To the question of how the Holocaust should be taught to Jewish children, Jewish Symphony conductor Noreen Green says: "The answer may lie in music composed during the Holocaust or inspired by it."

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An emerging ensemble of USC students, called the L'Chalm Theater Ensemble and the five-year-old Blue Sphere Alliance, soving as a merioting compainty, are collaborating to stage eight performances of the play The Wetback, debuting Tuesday at 8 p.m. The theater Blue Sphere Alliance at the Les, 6750 Losington Ave, one block north of Santa Monica Boulevard and east of Highland Avenue, hosts the production, set in San Yadiro in 1976. The play by Myla Lichtman-Fields, directed by Anthony Barnao, spoilights L'Chaim's three Trojan founders, Cindy Gross, Jlovanna Jurado and Sarah Chang.

A world premiere translation of Chekhov's drama The

A world premiere translation of Chekhov's drama The Cherry Orband opens a five-performance nu Wednesday at 8 at the Skirball Cultural Center.

Buttessed by a high-powered cast that includes Marsha Mason, Hector Elizondo and Charles Durning, it is in the LA. Theater Works' The Play's The Thing's series that will be broadcast later on public radio station KCRW (89.) Curtain rises at 8 on the first three performances, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday,

## VBS concert to trace emergence from Holocaust to redemption

from Darkness into Light," a choral concert of musical themes spanning the dark days of the Holocaust until Israel's independence, will take place at 7:30 pr. ow. Wednesday, April 25, at Valley Beth Shalorn in Encino.

Encino.

Conductor Nick Strimple, an authority on Shoah (Holocaust) music, will lead the Los Angeles-based choral chamber group Lavie.

The concert will be presented by the Jewish Music Commission of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust in cooperation with Mount Sinai Memorial Park and Hillside Memorial Park.

In addition to performing Strimple's Psalm 133, Lavie will present the world premiere of David Cutler's Chestnus Branches in the Court, based on poems form the Treezin concentration camp. Cutler's Culler's Chestnus Branches in the Court, based on poems form the Treazin concentration camp. Culter's work won the 2000 international competition for composition sponsored by the Jewish Music Commission.

The concert also will include Aminaday Aloni's Halle, a composition that has become a part of

Halle, a composition that has become a part of services for synagogues across the continent and in Israel. Other works on the program include Cain and Abel, by Israeli coraposer Aharon Harlap, which won the 1991 International Jewish Music Commission Competition, and Two Hebrraw Folksongs by Viktor Ullmann, an immate of Terezin who died in Auschwitz.

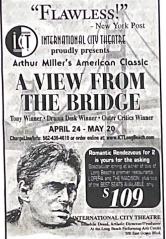
Tickets for the performance cost \$10 and may be purchased by calling Valley Beth Shalom at (818) 788-6000.

and the final two are on Sunday, at 4 and 7:30. Tickets: \$34 and \$38, with \$10, \$20 rush tickets. (310) 827-

"STarad In My Heart: Ladino Culture in Texts and Images" is a new exhibition in the Frances-Henry Library at **Hebrew Union College**, open Monday through Friday at 8 a.m., and on Sundays at noon. (213)749-3424, Ext. 4225.

On Saturday night at 7, the South Bay Singles Initiative of the Jewish Federation-South Bay Council, in concert with five synapogues, is sponsoring dinner, Havdalah and the unique entertainment of the musician Rebbesoul at Tifereth Jacob, 1829 Sepulveda, Manhattan Beach. B'nal Tikvah, Ner Tamid, Fremple Beth El, Temple Menorah and Tifereth Jacob are cosponsoring the unusual evening.
Tickets are \$18 for members of the singles group, \$25 for others. Call (310) 689-3617 or e-mail Lsettzer @jewishla.org.

The work of six culturally diverse painters, who explore
Dreams & Reality, will be presented by the Fine Arts Council
of the University of Judalam, opening Sunday, April 29, 3
p.m., in the U.J.'s Platt Gallery and Borstein Gallery.
Featured are the artwork of Linda
Vallejo, an LA. Chicana, in a series on
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