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Stroum Jewish Community Center Kicks Off 2016/17 Cultural Arts Season

SEATTLE, WA (September 7, 2016) – The Stroum Jewish Community Center kicked off its 2016/17 Cultural Arts Season with an Emmy Award-winning comedian and the US premiere of “Women of the Book,” an art exhibit from Israel, and continues with a robust year of film screenings, award-winning chefs and cookbook authors, speakers, global music shows. And that’s only the beginning of this engaging season!

The Global Sound music series brings international artists to the J stage, including spellbinding Argentine vocalist Sofia Rei and Seattle-native Josh Deutsch on October 30 (a co-presentation with the Earshot Jazz Festival), the renowned Grammy-winning Klezmatics on December 18, Israeli troubadour superstar David Broza on March 1, and Seattle recording legends Sue Ennis and Hummie Mann on May 13.

Our “Fable to Table” culinary arts series takes us around the world, offering classes and tastes of Persian, Sephardic, and Israeli cuisines.

As Mercer Island’s only movie theater, in addition to running the Seattle Jewish Film Festival (March 25-April 2, 2017), the J screens a variety of international, eye-opening films throughout the year. On Wednesday, October 19, we premiere the documentary SONG OF LAHORE, a film about Pakistan’s vibrant music revival directed by Mercer Island-native Andy Schocken, who will attend the screening, followed by a public reception. Called “elegant and moving” by *The New York Times*, the film is co-directed by Oscar-winner Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy and is co-presented with TASVEER: Seattle’s South Asian Film Festival, which runs October 14-23 (tasveer.org). The J is proud to announce a new 3rd Thursday Film Series and a Parenting Film Series that includes BEYOND MEASURE, a look at America’s education system co-sponsored by *ParentMap* (November 10). The J also partners with STG to present MR. GAGA (January 19), a film about the Batsheva Dance Company performing in Seattle in February.

Our “Words to the Wise” series brings intriguing conversations ranging from topical issues such as ObamaCare by one of its creators (January 8) to the science of love by Seattle’s “sexpert” Dr. Pepper Schwartz in time for Valentine’s Day (February 2). We are thrilled to premiere a number of local, original, and international touring theater productions, including a live version of the radio show “Israel Story” — an NPR, PRX, and Tablet Magazine podcast dubbed Israel’s “This American Life”—comes to the J on May 3. On March 19, the new staged reading-style theater company Tales of the Alchemysts Theatre adapts Isaac Bashevis Singer to the stage for their inaugural show. And on April 6, actor/playwright Jon Adam Ross’ InHEIRitance Project brings an original multi-media play about biblical matriarchs Rachel and Leah interwoven with filmed interviews with Seattle sisters in the Jewish community. This play is made possible by a prestigious grant from the Covenant Foundation.

Get a laugh at the J comedy club when *Last Comic Standing* finalist and TV funny man Gary Gulman takes the stage on December 1 and with veteran club comic and Jerry Seinfeld-opener Mark Schiff on February 19.

This is only a sample of the J’s fresh Cultural Arts season. See below for the full list and also check out the attached brochure.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.sjcc.org/cultural-arts.

October

Talk: Leo Frank - Murder in Marietta

Sunday, October 9 | 2 p.m.

Film: SONG OF LAHORE

Wednesday, October 19 | 7 p.m.

3rd Thursday Film & Cooking Class: IN SEARCH OF ISRAELI CUISINE

Thursday, October 20 | 7 p.m. (film only 7:45 p.m.)

Free Film and Sukkot Celebration in Ballard: SUKKAH CITY

Sunday, October 23 | 10 a.m.

At Majestic Bay Theatres

Concert: Sofia Rei Trio/Josh Deutsch's Pannonia

Part of the Earshot Jazz Festival

Sunday, October 30 | 8 p.m.

November

Talk/Comedy: Take My Spouse, Please!

Wednesday, November 2 | 7 p.m.

Film: MUNICH '72 AND BEYOND

Wednesday, November 9 | 7:30 p.m.

3rd Thursday Film: BEYOND MEASURE

In partnership with *ParentMap*

Thursday, November 10 | 7 p.m.

Film: Israeli TV Dinners - FAUDA

Thursday, November 17 | 7:30 p.m.

Cooking Class: Babka and Rugelach

Tuesday, November 22 | 6:30 p.m.

December

Comedian Gary Gulman

Thursday, December 1 | 8 p.m.

Cooking Class: Sephardic Cheesy Potato Fritters

Sunday, December 11 | 2 p.m.

Concert: The Klezmatiks

Sunday, December 18 | 7:30 p.m.

Kung Pao Christmas: THE SEARCH FOR GENERAL TSO

Chinese Food and a Movie

Sunday, December 25 | 4 p.m.

January

Talk: 150 Years of ObamaCare

Sunday, January 8 | 4 p.m.

3rd Thursday Film: MR. GAGA

Thursday, January 19 | 7:30 p.m.

Cooking Class: Canning, Pickling, and Preserving

Tuesday, January 31 | 7 p.m.

Talk: Dr. Pepper Schwartz on the Science of Love

Thursday, February 2 | 7:30 p.m.

Comedian Mark Schiff

Sunday, February 19 | 8 p.m.

Culinary: Wine Tasting - Israeli Sommelier

Saturday, February 25 | 7:30 p.m.

Cooking Class: Persian Cooking

Tuesday, February 28 | 6:30 p.m.

March

Concert: David Broza Unplugged

Wednesday, March 1 | 8 p.m.

Theater: "Lost and Found in Love" by Issac Bashevis Singer

Sunday, March 19 | 4:30 p.m.

22nd annual Seattle Jewish Film Festival

Saturday, March 25 - Sunday, April 2

Various locations in downtown Seattle; closing weekend at the J

Theater: InHEIRitance Project - The Rachel/Leah Play

Thursday, April 6 | 7:30 p.m.

Theater: Seattle Jewish Theater Company presents Tony Kushner's "The Dybbuk"

Sunday, April 23 | 2 p.m.

May

Radio Theater: Israel Story - "Herzl 48"

Wednesday, May 3 | 7:30 p.m.

Talk: Kertzer Brothers in Conversation

Thursday, May 11 | 7:30 p.m.

Concert: Sue Ennis & Hummie Mann

Saturday, May 13 | 7:30 p.m.

3rd Thursday Film: GOLD BALLS

Thursday, May 18 | 7:30 p.m.

Author Talk: “Daughters of Iraq”

Sunday, May 2 | 2 p.m.

June

Cooking Class: Parfait Ice Cream Making Class

Sunday, June 4 | 2 p.m.

Concert: Noam Vazana Sephardic Jazz Trio

Sunday, June 11 | 7 p.m.

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About the Stroum Jewish Community Center

The Stroum Jewish Community Center inspires connections to build community and ensure Jewish continuity. Together we create outstanding programs, partnerships and spaces that welcome everyone to learn, grow and celebrate Jewish life and culture. Learn more at www.sjcc.org.

About Seattle Jewish Film Festival: The Seattle Jewish Film Festival is a nine-day annual event and year-round international cinematic exploration and celebration of Jewish and Israeli life, culture, and history. Founded in 1995 by AJC Seattle, SJFF is now a program of the Stroum Jewish Community Center and a vital cornerstone of its Cultural Arts season and programming. Central to the J’s community-building mission, SJFF brings people together to inspire learning and new perspectives by showcasing the virtuosity and diversity of Jewish cinema and talent. Learn more at www.seattlejewishfilmfestival.org.

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