**The 17th Jewish Culture Festival - Singer's Warsaw WILL HAPPEN in Warsaw!**

**This year, Singer's Warsaw Festival will be accessible to audiences all over the world. Because of COVID-19 situation, concerts, theatre shows, and meetings with authors will also be available online. The festival is grasping a new formula, adapting to the present-day lifestyle. Online and offline. A diverse artistic offer - more accessible than ever.**

Live concerts and shows will be more private and intimate than in the previous years. This year, the festival's main venue moves from Grzybowski Square to **Centrum Praskie Koneser**. Our concerts and shows will be presented on the small Warsaw's **club stages**, **The Nożyk Synagogue**, **the Summer Stage of the Jewish Theatre,** and, following the tradition, in **Kwadrat Theatre.** Because of the strict sanitary requirements, organizers will focus on the intimacy of the venues and online broadcasting to bring the Festival's shows to almost every place in the world.

Our Festival has always offered a wide variety of cultural events. And this year’s edition will be no different. Many venues will have the prewar Warsaw's flavor in the spotlight, bringing back the 20th century’s congenial Jewish artists. They will include old songs in inspiring contemporary interpretations of, among others, **Jan Młynarski** and **Combo** group, **Monika Chrząstowska** recital, cabaret shows presented by the actors of the **Jewish Theatre** or the concert ***Mieczysław Fogg – co nam zostało z tamtych lat*** performed by **Retro Orchestra.**

This year, our audience will see the latest project by **KROKE** band - ***Our Film and Theatre Music*** presenting the pieces from the recently published record ***Rejwach***.They will present the music score composed for the **Jewish Theatre's** show of the same title and the pieces written for several movies, such as *El anonimo caronte* (directed by Toni Bestard), *Inland Empire* (directed by David Lynch), *Wszystko płynie (*directed by Edyta Turczanik) and *Kabaret Śmierci* (directed by Andrzej Celiński).

The opening concert will feature a hazzan ensemble ***Next Generation.*** Performing in Poland for the first time, the group features some of the most outstanding young generation cantors from Israel: **Chaim Stern**, **Nachman Trojeman,** and **Netnahel Ilvitzki**. There will also be plenty of Yiddish songs. They will be performed by **Karstena Troyke,** **Sharon Brauner** from Germany, and **Presburger Klezmer Band** from Slovakia. Traditional Jewish songs will be presented during the project ***Playing Violin***. Timeless hits, including *Rodzynki z migdałam*i, *Rebeka*, *Mein jidisze Mame*, *Tak jak malował Pan Chagall* will be brought to you by an excellent violinist, **Vadim Brodski**.

This year, similarly to the previous editions, we are expecting a very diverse jazz program with a variety of venues. An Italian guitarist and composer, well-known in Poland because of the prestigious concerts he has given in Katowice, Warsaw, and Szczecin, **Francesco Bruno,** will show up on the stage with three young Polish ensembles: **Jerzy Małek Trio**, **Szymon Łukowski Trio,** and **Jachna/Kądziela/Gwadera** group. Another remarkable guest, **Liudas Mockūnas**, a Lithuanian saxophone player, and eclectic composer who combines jazz and classical music will perform in the well-known and popular among the jazz enthusiasts club, **Pardon ToTu.** Together with **Mikołaj Trzaska**, they will be presenting a unique music project. Finally, we will be honored by the performance of a true celebrity, the Grammy Award winner, pianist, and composer, **Włodek Pawlik**.

The Festival will also deliver a great deal of classical music. Today, we have the pleasure to announce an unusual concert, ***Królewska harfa***, featuring, among others, a remarkable Polish harpist, **Małgorzata Zalewska- Guthman**.

The star of the Festival's Grand Finale will be **Yasmin Levy,** from Israel. Her concerts are hypnotizing meetings with Sephardi music, fusing Jewish melodies with Spanish fire. Yasmin Levy is a world-famous artist.

Singer's Warsaw means theatre. First of all, Warsaw's Jewish Theatre, presenting its best shows every single year. This year, the audience will be offered to see ***Szosza* by Singer,** directed by**Karolina Kirsz**, ***The Calendar Girl*** directed by **Marcin Sławiński**, ***PeKiN*** directed by**Agata Biziuk** or ***Golda's Terrace*** directed by**Marta Miłoszewska**.

During this year’s very special edition, the Festival-goers will have an opportunity to participate in the traditional series of meeting with writers and artists, book promoting events and film screenings, educational walks around Warsaw, discussions, and workshops. They will be available live and online.

Details will be published soon at [www.shalom.org.pl](http://www.shalom.org.pl) and facebook.com/FestiwalWarszawaSingera

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