



## The 19<sup>th</sup> Jewish Culture Festival - Singer's Warsaw. This Festival is always up-to-date

**Concerts, live performances, shows. Both the big ones and intimate encounters with Jewish culture, art, and tradition as interpreted by Polish and international artists, with Israeli star, Yasmin Levy, performing in the finale. Starting on August 27<sup>th</sup> and ending on September, 4<sup>th</sup>, the 19<sup>th</sup> edition of the Jewish Culture Festival Singer's Warsaw will be hosted in different locations across Warsaw.**

*Although Singer's Warsaw is a cultural festival, the organizers are not indifferent to what is happening around us and this year they decided to invite artists from Ukraine, as well as artists who support our neighbors in their projects. We create Singer's Warsaw together! Our wonderful audience, wonderful artists, and the institutions we cooperate with. And although for many the beginning of 2022 was marked by sad or even tragic events, we fervently believe that our festival will be at least a small moment of respite and emotion, and perhaps even moments of joy, says **Gołda Tencer**, the creator, and founder of the Festival.*

This year, in keeping with the tradition of the Festival, music, and theater will dominate: so we're going to have big outdoor concerts, chamber concerts, and recitals, as well as Singer Jazz Festival concerts. We will also have plenty of theater premieres and well-known plays, monodramas, and performance readings. This year's program will include meetings dedicated to literature, music, and history, film screenings, as well as lectures, workshops, exhibitions and city walks.

### **MUSIC: international artists, different genres, premieres, and standards.**

For the first time, the Festival will host the great Israeli singer, **YASMIN LEVY**, recognized as one of the most interesting and talented artists in world music. The finale of the 19th Singer's Warsaw Festival will belong to her. The concert will be hosted by the National Opera House. During this great concert, the artist will be accompanied by **Yeziel Hasson /guitar/**, **Jeno Lisztes /dulcimer/**, **Arad Emamgholi /daf/**, **Anna Wandtke /violin/** and **Gang Tango** – the band featuring **Grzegorz Lalek /violin/**, **Piotr Kopietz /bandoneon/**, **Miroslaw Feldgebel /piano/**, in which the first fiddle, although on the bass, is **Sebastian Wypych**.

This year, the **Klezmer Night** will return to Plac Defilad. It will be artistically hosted by **KOMMUNA LUX – Klezmer & Odessa Gangsta Folk from Ukraine** and, as the organizers warn, it will be both loud and colorful.

The traditional inaugural cantorial concert at the Nożyk Synagogue will feature, for the first time in Poland, outstanding cantors of the young generation from Israel, **Nachman Turgeman** and **Netanel Olivisky**.

This year, in addition to events bringing up the unique atmosphere of this place, the last and the only Warsaw synagogue that not only survived World War 2 but is still active today, there

will be jazz and chamber music concerts. During the opening of the Jazz Festival, **Oleś Brothers & Dominik Strycharski** will present their new project "**KOPTYCUS**". This year's classical concert "**Webern, Wajnberg, Mahler - reflections**" will be presented by **Marcin Zdunik and Harmonium Duo**, that is **Hubert Giziewski & Iwo Jedynecki**. The **BASTARD Trio** featuring **Paweł Szamburski** (clarinet), **Tomasz Pokrzywiński** (cello) and **Michał Górczyński** (double bass clarinet) will present mystical Jewish songs without words - **Hassidic Niguns**.

**Nina Stiller, Raphael Rogiński,** and **Natalia Przybysz** will give their premiere concert, whereas, **Francesco Bruno Trio** and the phenomenal actress and singer, **Silvia Lorenzo** from **Italy**, will be presenting the world music repertoire. The same stage will host another music premiere, Hebrew tangos will be performed by the audience's beloved and cherished **Marcin Masecki** and for the first time at the Festival, an outstanding musician, **Edgar Tsalikov** from **Germany**.

Invited by the Jewish Theater, the special guests at this year's Festival will include **Frank London**, the famous American composer and trumpeter, Grammy award winner, and **Eleanor Reissa**, an American actress and singer who performs a repertoire of Yiddish and Jewish songs. The artists will present a special program that draws on traditional Yiddish songs, featuring Polish, Ukrainian, and European klezmer musicians on an outdoor stage at Grzybowski Square.

But this is not all. Concert appearances on the Summer Stage of the Jewish Theater will include: **Olga Avigail Mieleszczuk** and the **Kol Ishe trio** performing the Jewish Songs of Ukraine - Shpil Mir A Dumke! Ukrainian artist **Natalia Utesheva Kasyanchyk** in the project "Treasures of Klezmer Music and Chasidic Nigunim - ONLY YOU", as well as **TROI - Quartett** from Austria with the musical arrangement of Rajzel Żychlinski's lyrics, **Anna Riveiro** in a repertoire of Sephardic songs, **Adrianna Dorociak** (the Jewish Theater's actress) presenting pieces from the "Leśman/Fantazje" project and **Genady Iskhakov**. The special guest of the 19th edition of the Festival will be the legendary Polish singer, **Sława Przybylska**, accompanied by the outstanding musician and composer, **Janusz Tylman** who will play the piano.

**WORD: theater, workshops, lectures, salons, and, above all, the Nobel Prize winner...**

The Jewish Theater stages will host, among others: a musical performance with original compositions by Hadrian Filip Tabęcki, featuring live music, i.e. "**Yentl**" by **Isaac Bashevis Singer** and **Leah Napolin**, directed by **Robert Talarczyk**, based on the Nobel Prize winner's short story of the same title, and another theater show embedded in literature - and another performance based on literature work - "**DER SZTUREM. CWISZYN / THE TEMPEST. BETWEEN**" directed by Damian Josef Neć - called the success of the Jewish theater in Poland, "**Golda's Balcony**" - "one-woman show" of Ernestyna Haselnus-Winnicka about Israel's iron lady, the prime minister Golda Meir. The audience will also have the opportunity to see music and cabaret shows, and other projects prepared by the actors of the Jewish Theater and one of the most appreciated events prepared every year by the Director of the Festival, **Gołda Tencer**, i.e. "**In Mama Sonia's Kitchen**".

The Festival's itinerary will also welcome back the **Literary Salon** under the artistic supervision of **Remigiusz Grzela**, the series called the **Club of Jewish Culture Enthusiasts** and **Masters read (Dorota Stalińska and Mirosław Zbrojewic)**, giving us the opportunity to listen to the best Jewish prose in outstanding interpretations of famous actors. The organizers invite everyone to the Austrian Cultural Forum to attend these literary meetings and lectures, workshops, and exhibitions.

Throughout the festival, the Yiddish Cultural Center and the University of the Third Age will welcome everyone to their headquarters at 15 Andersa St. for encounters with Jewish culture and traditional art during literary meetings, culinary and artistic workshops, concerts, and an academic session.

### **SINGER'S WARSAW... Not only in Warsaw**

The Festival's events will be hosted by many locations connected with the life and work of Isaac Bashevis Singer. Before the Nobel Prize winner and patron of the festival came to Warsaw and later settled in New York, Biłgoraj, Leoncin, and Radzymin were his places. This is where everything had started, his interest in literature and his first attempts to write. We do remember about it and this is the reason why this year, even before the Warsaw edition starts, the first Jewish notes will be heard exactly there, say the organizers.

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