

Musethica Israel News – March 2016

Musethica is an international program which introduces an innovative approach towards changing musical education. According to this approach the communal and social involvement of gifted young musicians constitutes an integral part of their education for musical excellence.

Within the framework of Musethica young musicians, together with professional instructors who are among the best musicians in Israel and abroad, play chamber music repertoire, performing to diverse populations, specifically those with special needs and audiences that do not usually frequent concert halls.



The Musethica Quartet is under way

The newly created Musethica Quartet began its activities in October 2015.

The Quartet members – Tal First and Anna Siegreich Violin, Yoav Yatskan Viola and Uriah Tutter Cello – have started working on a regular basis under the guidance of members of the Jerusalem Quartet – first violinist Alexander Pavlovsky and violist Ori Kam.

Musethica Quartet participated in the Second International Musethica Festival which took place in October 2015 and played last January in Sheba Hospital in the framework of community-based concerts organized by Musethica. Later this year the Quartet is expected to continue playing community-based concerts, on a monthly basis, to participate in Musethica weeks and to perform in public concerts in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. (additional information will follow).



The Second International Musethica Festival for Chamber Music in the Community 2015

The Second International Musethica Festival for Chamber Music in the Community 2015 took place in Tel Aviv between October 16 and 25. Fifteen musicians from seven countries participated, eleven young musicians from Israel and abroad and four senior musicians who instructed the young musicians and played with them in different ensembles. This year Musethica Festival took place in collaboration with Tel Aviv-Yafo Municipality.

The varied repertoire included pieces by Mozart, Schubert, Brahms, Tchaikovsky, R. Strauss and Janacek, for different string ensembles. Musethica Quartet first appeared in a concert during the Festival and played a piece by Schubert.

The Festival participants played twenty concerts in different institutions in communities in Tel Aviv, Ramat Gan, Petach Tikva, Ramla, Bat Yam and Beer Sheva. Musethica performed, inter alia, in On-Kindergartens in Tel Aviv, Yachdav school, Chimes Day Center, Nativ school, Rogozin school, Arab-Jewish community center, and Alut hostel. Furthermore, they performed in a rehabilitation center of Ilan, in Mish'an nursing home in Ramat Gan, in a youth community center in Bat Yam, in the secure wards of Geha hospital, in Maasiyahu prison and in the women prison Neve Tirtza. In Beersheva the Musethica musicians performed in Dekalim school and Negba association.

Musethica musicians gave two public concerts as part of the season opening events at the Lin and Ted Arison Israel Conservatory of Music, Tel Aviv. Another concert opened the season of the chamber music series at the conservatory in Beersheva.

The large audience that filled the concert halls, and the warm feed-backs from the different institutions where the festival ensembles performed, unequivocally confirmed the success of the festival and its high professional level.

From an article in Yediot Achronot of November 2nd 2015 entitled "When Tchaikovsky entered prison," by Ariela Sternbach, following a Musethica concert in Maasiyahu prison in Ramla: "You gave us a sense of great freedom in a brief time. We felt in a different world. True, there are wardens here and grates and gates, but during the short time that you played we did not feel like prisoners."



Musethica Week in Tel Aviv

The Musethica Week in Tel Aviv took place from December 28th 2015 to January 5th 2016. Veteran and new musicians participated; The violinist Hallel Tutter and the cellist Gali Cnaani joined cellist Uria Tutter, under the guidance of violist Avri Levitan, founder of Musethica. They played the string quartet for violin, viola, and two celli by Arensky.

During this week the quartet performed in Akim hostel, Nativ school and Yachdav school in Tel Aviv, in Ilan Rehabilitation Center and in Mish'an Nursing Home in Ramat Gan. They also performed in a concert open to the public in the "Hanasich Hakatan" bookstore & Cafe.

Excerpt from a thank-you letter we received following a concert in the juvenile secure ward in Geha: "I felt like in an old Disney movie" said one of the girls to the nursing team after the concert. Another girl felt "as if I were in a concert in a big hall." Thank you to the Musethica musicians for coming, performing, touching and surprising. The Medical center manager and members of the nursing team.



Coming up

Monthly performances of Musethica Quartet in communal concerts.

Communal concerts in the Jerusalem area by the string quartet of the Jerusalem Academy under the guidance of the cellist Zvi Plesser.

May 1st – May 4th 2016: Musethica Week in Kibbutz Ein Hashofet including concerts in institutions in the vicinity and a public concert in Beit Hakshatot.

May 9th 2016: A festive concert of Musethica Quartet in the Felicja Blumental Music Center in Tel Aviv.

May 17th 2016: Musethica Quartet concert within the framework of the concert series "Tzeirim Bamercaz" ("Young at the Center") in the Jerusalem Music Center and broadcast in Kol Hamusica radio station.

June 2016: Auditions for the year 2016-2017.

July 2016: Musethica Week in the Upper Galilee Kol Hamusica Festival in Kfar Blum.

Musethica Israel thanks the friends and supporters of the program, who make possible the artistic professional and communal activities of the association, which touches on and influences so many layers of the Israeli society. Musethica would like to thank The Ted Arison Family Foundation for its generous support for 2016.

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