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## **San Diego Repertory Theatre Announces 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Lipinsky Family San Diego Jewish Arts Festival**

***The 2018 lineup includes an evening of laughter with comedian Elon Gold, The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Klezmer Summit featuring Yale Strom & Hot Pstromi, vocalist Perla Batalla in her tribute to the music of Leonard Cohen and American musical treasure Andy Statman playing the clarinet and mandolin***

**San Diego Repertory Theatre** presents **The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Lipinsky Family San Diego Jewish Arts Festival**, May 27-June 27, 2018. The slate of 10 performances will take place at four different San Diego and North County venues celebrating San Diego's varied and diverse performing arts community. These include San Diego REP/Lyceum Theatres, Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, North Coast Repertory Theatre, Encinitas Library and Congregation Adat Yeshurin in La Jolla.

Highlights of the festival include **An Evening of Comedy with Elon Gold: Pro-Semite**, which premiered at the *Montreal Comedy Festival*; **The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Klezmer Summit** with headliners **Yale Strom & Hot Pstromi** bringing together stars of the past 17 years: Alexander Gourevitch and Freilechs, singer Elizabeth Schwartz, contrabass virtuoso Bert Turetsky, jazz all-star Gilbert Castellanos and soulful fiddler Myla Wingard; and **Perla Batalla in The House of Cohen** reveals the timelessness of Leonard Cohen's music. Batalla's signature cross-cultural style conveys her sincere respect and deep love for the music, poetry and most of all her dear friend, Leonard Cohen.

The festival will also feature two staged readings: the world premiere, ***Losing the Nobel Prize***, written and directed by the festival's artistic director, **Todd Salovey**, based on the book of the same name by Dr. Brian Keating; and ***The Mudanza***, performed by **Teatro Punto y Coma**, the theatre company of the Mexican Jewish community. There will also be the all-new, **Ninth Annual Women of Valor** with music, stories and images of six women who have made a significant impact in San Diego.

Music continues to play a prominent role in the festival by featuring pianist and storyteller **Jacquelyne Silver** with music from Beethoven to Broadway to Ragtime and Jazz; and **Andy Statman**, one of the world's premier mandolin and clarinet players performing traditional Jewish music, bluegrass and Americana on both instruments. The festival also features the play, ***In Every Generation*** by *Ali Viterbi*, a mystical journey through continents, languages and generations of an Italian-Jewish family and a nation's stories; directed by **Ali Viterbi**.

"We are excited to have such a diverse and uplifting array of Jewish music, theatre, film and art to share with the community," stated Todd Salovey, Jewish Arts Festival artistic director. "The variety of performances along with the caliber of acclaimed artists offers something for everyone. We welcome all of San Diego to come and enjoy this year's Jewish Arts Festival."

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## **San Diego Repertory Theatre The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Lipinsky Family Jewish Arts Festival**

### **Calendar of Events:**

**THE LYCEUM GALLERIES | MAY 20 – JUNE 30**

**San Diego Repertory Theatre**

**79 Horton Plaza**

**San Diego, CA 92101**

**Opening Reception Tuesday, June 5 at 6:45pm**

### **Jerusalem: Of Heaven and Earth**

Exhibit features images highlighting the ethereal beauty of the city and intersection of three faiths. Also, the early residents' influence on rebuilding the city and the harsh reality of a city divided from 1948-1967; curated by Alan Viterbi.

### **Fragments: An Exhibit of Photographs Exploring the Post-War Traditions of Eastern Europe's Remaining Jewish Communities**

Taken by Yale Strom over a 40 year period, the photos depict Jews in cities and towns often reminiscent of the pre-War, iconic "shtetl" photographs of Roman Vishniac. Included are photos of Roma musicians who played klezmer and lived with Jews.

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**THE LIPINSKY FAMILY SAN DIEGO JEWISH ARTS FESTIVAL – 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY GALA**  
**Sunday May 27, 5pm-9:30pm**  
**With a special performance by Hershey Felder**

A gala evening in Rancho Santa Fe celebrating 25 years of Jewish arts and culture. The evening includes a gourmet, sit-down meal, special performances by Hershey Felder, Yale Strom with Hot Pstromi, Malashock Dance and selections of Women of Valor.

- Gala Honorees: Jeffrey and Sheila Lipinsky; Bernard, Dorris and Elaine Lipinsky z"l; and Todd Salovey, Jewish Arts Festival founding artistic director.
- Tickets: \$250; Sponsorships \$1800-\$50,000 | 619.544.1000 | sdrep.org

**THE 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL KLEZMER SUMMIT**  
**Tuesday, June 5, 7:30pm, Lyceum Stage**

Yale Strom and Hot Pstromi headline a celebration bringing together stars of the past 17 years: Alexander Gourevitch and Freilechs, singer Elizabeth Schwartz, contrabass virtuoso Bert Turetsky, jazz all-star Gilbert Castellanos and soulful fiddler Myla Wingard. Complimentary kosher knishes!

There will also be an opening reception for the Jfest Art gallery at 6:45pm.

Tickets: \$20 – \$28  
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**THE ANCIENT LAW (*DAS ALTE GESERZ*)**  
**With live score performed by Donald Sosin and Alicia Svigals**  
**Wednesday, June 6, 7pm**  
**Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, David & Dorothea Garfield Theatre**

San Diego premiere of the digitally restored 1923 German classic with an original score by composer Donald Sosin performing live with Klezematics co-founder violinist Alicia Svigals. Its moving depiction of a cantor's son who breaks tradition to become an actor was the inspiration for the film classic, *The Jazz Singer*.

Tickets: \$20 regular price / \$18 JCC members  
858.362.1348 | sdcjc.org.

In partnership with CJCC of the Lawrence Family JCC.

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**9th ANNUAL WOMEN OF VALOR**

**Thursday, June 7, 7:30pm, Lyceum Space**

**Sunday, June 10, 1pm & 3pm, Encinitas Library**

A woman of valor who shall find? With music, stories and images the ninth celebration of six inspirational women who have made a significant impact in our community. This year's honorees are: Dr. Ellen Beck, Marsha Berkson, Sura Leider, Evelyn Rady, Ruth Sax and Jill Spitzer.

Tickets: June 7, \$18 / June 10, free

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Benefiting Project Sarah, Chesed Home and Torah High School of San Diego

Co-sponsored by Jewish Family Service of San Diego.

**ELON GOLD: PRO-SEMITE**

**An Evening of Comedy with Elon Gold**

**Thursday, June 14, 8:00 pm, Lyceum Stage**

An evening of laughter with world renowned Jewish comedian Elon Gold! Gold's comedy and acting credits include *Stacked*, *In-Laws*, *Bones*, *The Dana Carvey Show*, *Frasier*, *The Mentalist*, *Chappelle's Show*, 10 appearances on *The Tonight Show* and a one-hour special on Netflix. Millions around the globe have shared his routine on Christmas trees. His one-man show, *Elon Gold: Pro-Semite*, premiered at the *Montreal Comedy Festival*.

Tickets: \$25 - \$35

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Co-sponsored with Chabad of Downtown San Diego and Chabad of Coronado.

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**TEATRO PUNTO Y COMA**

***The Mudanza***

**An Unapologetic Bilingual Play**

**Saturday June 16, 8:45pm, Lyceum Space**

**Written by Salomon Maya**

**Directed by Pepe Stepensky**

**Produce by Sore Gordon**

In this staged reading of a new play, a modern day couple moves into a new town and quickly realizes that years of miscommunication threaten to end the adventure before it even begins. The beloved theatre company of the Mexican Jewish community features: Salomon Maya, Stephanie Frid, Jaya Rubinstein, Maty Adato, Carlos Lubezky, Zeji Ozeri, Joel Chait and Carlos Sayd.

Tickets: \$18

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Co-sponsored by Ken Jewish Community and A Culture of Peace.

**IN EVERY GENERATION**

**Monday, June 18, 7:30pm**

**North Coast Repertory Theatre, Solana Beach**

**By Ali Viterbi**

**Directed by Gabrielle Hoyt**

*In Every Generation* is a mystical journey through continents, languages and generations of a family and nation's stories. An Italian Jewish family joins together for Passover Seders year after year, era to era. Over matzah ball soup and (vegan) brisket, sibling rivalries simmer, plagues fall and miracles are both remembered and forgotten.

Tickets: \$22 regular price | \$17 North Coast Rep subscribers

858.481.1055 | northcoastrep.org

Co-sponsored by North Coast Repertory Theatre.

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## **FROM RAGS TO RICHES! A MUSICAL JOURNEY WITH JACQUELYNE SILVER**

**Sunday, June 24 – 3pm, Encinitas Library**

Join pianist and stage personality Jacquelyne Silver as she takes you through a new and unique program of music and storytelling. This special performance will include music from Beethoven to Broadway to Ragtime and Jazz, with Ms. Silver continually weaving her fascinating story of her life in music. An event not to be missed!

Tickets: Free

760.753.7376

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## **PERLA BATALLA IN 'THE HOUSE OF COHEN'**

**Monday, June 25, 7:30pm, Lyceum Stage**

Perla Batalla in *The House of Cohen* reveals the timelessness of Leonard Cohen's music. Batalla's signature cross-cultural style conveys her sincere respect and deep love for the music, poetry and most of all her dear friend, Leonard Cohen. World-class vocalist Perla Batalla is a full-throated songstress who has worked with Leonard Cohen, k.d. lang, Nick Cave and Laurie Anderson.

Tickets: \$25 - \$35

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## **LOSING THE NOBEL PRIZE**

**Adapted and Directed by Todd Salovey, from the book by Brian Keating**

**Tuesday, June 26, 7:30pm**

**Congregation Adat Yeshurin, La Jolla**

This world premiere staged reading is an adventure story of the birth of universe that spans the globe from Rhode Island to the South Pole, from California to Chile. Keating takes us on a personal journey of revelation and discovery, bringing to vivid life the take-no-prisoners world of modern science.

*After the reading, Dr. Keating will lead a panel discussion of science and religion and sign copies of his new book.*

Tickets: \$18

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**ANDY STATMAN: AN AMERICAN MUSICAL TREASURE**

**Wednesday, June 27, 8:00pm**

**Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, David & Dorothea Garfield Theatre**

Andy Statman is one of the world's premier mandolin and clarinet players performing traditional Jewish music, bluegrass and Americana on both instruments. A Grammy nominee and a recipient of the NEA National Heritage Fellowship, Statman has performed and recorded with the Grateful Dead, Bob Dylan, Ricky Skaggs, Béla Fleck, David Grisman, Itzhak Perlman, Vassar Clements and Stéphane Grappelli. Andy will be performing with his trio, Jim Whitney, bass, and Larry Eagle, drums.

“Andy Statman, clarinet and mandolin virtuoso, is an American visionary”

- *The New Yorker*

“One of the most important Jewish creative artists of the postwar era.”

- *The Jerusalem Post*

Tickets: \$36 - \$48 regular price | \$29 - \$38 JCC members  
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