

KulturFestival

SATURDAY NIGHT
at the movies

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Day 1

SATURDAY • MARCH 1 @ 7 P.M.
WIMBERLY LIBRARY (5TH FLOOR)
FILM • TICKETS \$10

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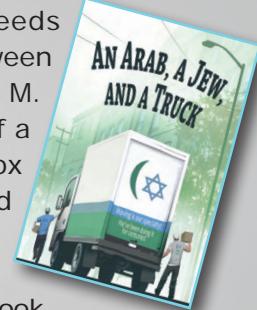
Day 4

TUESDAY • MARCH 4 @ 2 P.M.
WIMBERLY LIBRARY (5TH FLOOR)
BOOK PERFORMANCE • TICKETS \$10

AN ARAB, A JEW, AND A TRUCK
with Moustafa Soliman

Can a truck spread the seeds of cooperation and peace between two cultures? Author Moustafa M. Soliman, Ph.D. tells the story of a devout Muslim and an Orthodox Jew in the Bronx who are forced by circumstance to live together, share a kosher kitchen, and start a moving business. This unique book-performance will feature the author accompanied by actors, exploring entertaining situations from the story that open a window into current ethnic, religious and political ironies.

"Make way for the Peace Truck"
Washington Post



Day 6

Jewish Opera Lives
אופרה יהודית

THURSDAY • MARCH 6 @ 2 P.M.
WIMBERLY LIBRARY (5TH FLOOR)
OPERA RECITAL
TICKETS \$13

Leonard Lehrman, pianist and Helene Williams, soprano, return to Kultur Festival with guest cantors from New York City: soprano Faith Steinsnyder and tenor David Perper. This multi-talented quartet will perform a unique concert of "Jewish Opera" in various languages. Highlights will include excerpts from Halévy's famous *La Juive*, Spektor's *Lady of the Castle*, Mandelbaum's *The Village*, Blitzstein/Lehrman's *Tales of Malamud*, arias by Goldfaden and other entertaining operatic gems with Jewish themes.

SONG, BOOK
MUSIC, HUMOR, ARTS & FILM

March 1-8 • 2014

Main Event Concert

Day 2
I JUBANO JAZZ!

SUNDAY • MARCH 2 @ 3 P.M.
CAROLE & BARRY KAYE
PERFORMING ARTS AUDITORIUM
TICKETS \$20, \$29, \$39, \$45

KCO
KLEZMER COMPANY ORCHESTRA
AARON KULA, DIRECTOR



Aaron Kula's twenty-five-piece Klezmer Company Orchestra (KCO) with guest vocalist Graham Fandrei will perform new energetic arrangements of Klezmer melodies fused with Latin percussion, Argentinean Tango and Afro-Cuban dance beats along with classic songs from the Yiddish theatre.



The program will feature revitalized vintage music from acclaimed Jewish-American composers including Shalom Secunda, Abe Ellstein, Yoselle Rosenblatt and Irving Fields.

Day 7

**HEBREW
BOOK
ARTS**

FRIDAY • MARCH 7 @ 2 P.M.
WIMBERLY LIBRARY (5TH FLOOR)
WORKSHOP & LECTURE
TICKETS \$10

**Contemporary Paper Cutting
in the Jewish Tradition**
with Béatrice Coron



The traditional art of paper cutting has developed in cultures across the globe. Acclaimed artist Béatrice Coron will focus on paper cutting in the Jewish tradition and examine how this art form intersects with world cultures.

The multi-media presentation will include a live demonstration and display of Coron's work. Born in France, Béatrice Coron lived in Egypt, Mexico and China before moving to New York. Presented in collaboration with the Jaffe Center for Book Arts.

Day 3

MONDAY • MARCH 3 @ 7 P.M.
WIMBERLY LIBRARY (5TH FLOOR)
INTERFAITH HUMOR
TICKETS \$10

MY RELIGION IS
FUNNIER
THAN YOUR
RELIGION!
Part II



Enjoy side-splitting, thought provoking fun through the lens of humorous stories and anecdotes from an interfaith panel of scholars and clergy as they explore common topics about their respective religions.

This entertaining and educational event will include panelists: Henry Abramson, Ph.D., Dean at Touro College; Reverend Bernard Pecaro, St. Martin's Episcopal Diocese and others who will surely evoke lots of seriously profound laughter.



Day 5



**My Famous Musical Friends:
From Koussevitzky to Stern**

WEDNESDAY • MARCH 5 @ 2 P.M.
WIMBERLY LIBRARY (5TH FLOOR)
LECTURE & PRESENTATION • TICKETS \$10

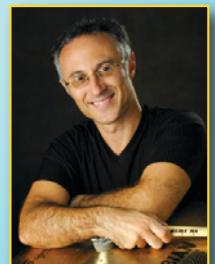
Harvard-educated Martin Bookspan is a noted author, renowned PBS commentator of *Live from Lincoln Center* and well-known host for the live radio broadcasts of the *Boston Symphony Orchestra* and *New York Philharmonic*. Bookspan will share personal stories and photographs about his friendships with legendary conductors and performers of Jewish heritage including Serge Koussevitzky, William Steinberg, Leonard Bernstein, Isaac Stern, Jan Pierce, Richard Tucker and Michael Tilson Thomas. Presented in conjunction with the *Judaica Sound Archives*.



Day 8

Israeli Jazz Night
with Kula & Hoch

SATURDAY • MARCH 8 @ 7:30 P.M.
WIMBERLY LIBRARY (5TH FLOOR)
MUSICAL PRESENTATION • TICKETS \$13



Aaron Kula, accordion and Reuben Hoch, drums will collaborate for the first time with an all-star ensemble of jazz musicians from the *Klezmer Company Orchestra* and the *Chassidic Jazz Project*. This impromptu performance will feature some of the greatest hits from Israeli and Chassidic song festivals of the last 50 years. Join us for an energetic and innovative evening of Israeli-American jazz that will have you dancing in your seat!

