Tickets for Annual Kultur Festival Featuring Klezmer Company Orchestra and Distinguished Artists on Sale at FAU Box Office

BOCA RATON, FL (December 16, 2010) -- Tickets for “Kultur Festival 2011,” the third annual celebration of Jewish culture, taking place Saturday, March 5, 2011 through Thursday, March 10, 2011 at Florida Atlantic University, currently are on sale at the FAU Box Office.

The festival, the only one of its kind in South Florida, showcases FAU Libraries’ Special Collections through the talents of guest artists, distinguished scholars and critically-acclaimed musicians, including Klezmer Company Orchestra (KCO), the library’s professional ensemble-in-residence.

Some of the festival events that will take place on FAU’s Boca Raton campus, 777 Glades Road, include:

Klez4Kidz: “The Wedding That Saved a Town”
Saturday, March 5, at 3 p.m.
Wimberly Library (Fifth Floor)
Call the box office at 1-800-564-9539 or visit www.fauevents.com for tickets.

KCO members will perform musical interludes for this multi-generational program that features a dramatic reading of The Wedding That Saved a Town, a book written by famed Klezmer musician Yale Strom.

Film screening of “Singing in the Dark”
Saturday, March 5, at 7 p.m.
Wimberly Library (Fifth Floor)
Call the box office at 1-800-564-9539 or visit www.fauevents.com for tickets.

“Saturday Night at the Movies” features a Florida premiere of the recently remastered “Singing in the Dark” starring Moishe Oysher. This rare 1956 drama features a mix of musical, mystery and gangster genres.
Klezmer Company Orchestra Presents “KlezmerOlogy”
Sunday, March 6, at 3 p.m.
Carole and Barry Kaye Performing Arts Auditorium
Call the box office at 1-800-564-9539 or visit www.fauevents.com for tickets.

Conductor and festival director Aaron Kula and the 25-member KCO will perform *Klezmerology*, the festival’s main event, a tour de force concert with special guest vocalists. This high-energy concert crosses cultural boundaries with music from the Americas, Europe and the Mediterranean blending Klezmer melodies with other genres of world music, including a Viennese waltz, a Russian folk song, a Negro Spiritual, Latin Jazz, American swing and classic Yiddish songs.

Hebrew Book Arts: “K’Tubot: Art and Melody of Love Letters”
Monday, March 7, at 2 p.m.
Wimberly Library (Fifth floor)
Call the box office at 1-800-564-9539 or visit www.fauevents.com for tickets.

Book arts collector Arthur Jaffe and K’tubot collector Richard Levy present a lecture and exhibition exploring the beauty and history of K’tubot, Jewish marriage contracts. Internationally-acclaimed cellist Racheli Galay will perform wedding music from FAU Libraries’ Print Music Collection to complement the K’tubot presentation.

“Jewish Humor: From Bible to Borscht Belt”
Monday, March 7, at 7 p.m.
Wimberly Library (Fifth floor)
Call the box office at 1-800-564-9539 or visit www.fauevents.com for tickets.

Distinguished scholar and humorist Henry (Hillel) Abramson will present a historical overview of Jewish humor from ancient times to the present.

“Zigun un Zogn: Songs and Stories”
Tuesday, March 8, at 2 p.m.
Wimberly Library (Fifth floor)
For tickets call the box office at 1-800-564-9539 or visit www.fauevents.com.
Unique program of Yiddish songs and stories evokes nostalgia for the bygone era of the shtetl presented by multi-talented sisters Phyllis Berk and Roslyn Perry.

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**Latin American Jewish Theater and Music**  
Tuesday, March 8, at 7 p.m.  
Wimberly Library (Fifth floor)  
Call the box office at 1-800-564-9539 or visit [www.fauevents.com](http://www.fauevents.com) for tickets.

Enjoy an evening of theater and songs by Jewish playwrights and composers from Venezuela, Peru and Mexico. The Gloria Waldman Theater Troupe will perform excerpts from plays translated into English and vocalist Susana Behar will sing folk songs in Spanish and Portuguese.

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**“The Jewish Woman in Song”**  
Wednesday, March 9, at 2 p.m.  
Wimberly Library, (Fifth floor)  
Call the box office at 1-800-564-9539 or visit [www.fauevents.com](http://www.fauevents.com) for tickets.

Distinguished musician and scholar Leonard Lehrman, Ph.D., and soprano Helen Williams present a song recital and lecture that will take you on a journey to the Yiddish theater, Broadway, the opera stage and beyond.

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**“Sephardic Soul, the Joe Elias Memorial Concert”**  
Thursday, March 10, at 7:30 p.m.  
FAU Student Union, Live Oak Pavilion  
Call the box at 1-800-564-9539 or visit [www.fauevents.com](http://www.fauevents.com) for tickets.

The Susana Behar Sephardic Music Ensemble and the Elias Ladino Ensemble, led by Daniel Elias, perform traditional Ladino songs about love, family and life to honor Joe Elias, the master of Ladino folk song who died in this year.
Kultur Festival 2011 is made possible in part by the generous support of the Jewish Cultural Society at FAU. Additional support provided by WXEL, the Sephardi Federation of Palm Beach County and the South Florida Association of Jewish Libraries.

For more information on the festival events, visit www.library.fau.edu/news/kultur.htm.

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Photo#1: Klezmer Company Orchestra, Aaron Kula music director
Photo#2: Illustrated K’Tubot, courtesy of Richard Levy collection
Photo#3: Phyllis Berk and Roslyn Perry, musical performers

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