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Klezmer Company Orchestra concert to benefit South Miami-Dade child abuse organization

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Klezmer Company Orchestra, directed by accordionist Aaron Kula, will perform its "JubanoJazz!" — a fusion of Klezmer melodies with Latin percussion and Afro-Cuban rhythms on Sunday to benefit Children's Survival Network. HANDOUT

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As a psychologist in Miami for 30 years, Dr. Marc Greenfield has worked with his share of children who have been abused.

"It kills me," Greenfield said. "I had to create an alternative to prevent this from happening."

So four years ago he began the nonprofit organization Children's Survival Network to bring prevention programs and public awareness to communities, primarily in west Coconut Grove.

The organization has now teamed up with the Klezmer Company Orchestra to hold a benefit concert Sunday to raise money to build a "village" — a permanent place staffed with licensed mental health professionals in South Miami-Dade where kids can go for help.

"This is a way people can support those who are working in the trenches and making a difference," Greenfield said. "It's also going to be a really good concert."

Klezmer Company Orchestra (KCO), directed by accordionist Aaron Kula, will perform its "JubanoJazz!" — a fusion of Klezmer melodies with Latin percussion and Afro-Cuban rhythms. The nine-member ensemble will also perform mambo, salsa and tango dance beats using traditional Yiddish songs from the past 100 years.

"This new music is exciting and brings people from all different cultures together in song and dance," Kula said in a news release. "We are excited to bring this party to Miami where there is a prominent Latin and Jewish presence in the region."