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Aaron Kula's Klezmer Company Orchestra Presents 'American Jewish New Year: Jazz & Wisdom' at Crest Theatre

BOCA RATON, Fla. (July 26, 2013) — Music director Aaron Kula and his acclaimed nine-member Klezmer Company Orchestra (KCO) will be joined by scholar and humorist Henry Abramson, Ph.D., and vocalist Lloyd Reshard for “American Jewish New Year: Jazz & Wisdom,” a powerful concert of music and commentary that highlights traditional cantorial melodies and themes associated with the Jewish holiday, on Sunday, Sept. 8 at 3 and 7 p.m., at the Crest Theatre, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach.

KCO, the professional ensemble-in-residence at Florida Atlantic University Libraries will perform new arrangements of congregational tunes set to spirited harmonies influenced by American jazz, Negro Spirituals and old world Klezmer. Songs will include “Avinu Malkeynu” (Lord Our Father), made popular by singer Barbara Streisand; “Rosh Hashana in Swing,” “Chassidic Kaddish,” “Kol Nidrei Blues” and “Oseh Shalom a la Salsa.”

Kula, director of the music performance and education at FAU Libraries, uses primary source material from the Cantors Collections for the new arrangements selected for this unique outreach concert.

“The Americanization of Jewish music and culture began more than 350 years ago when the first Jewish immigrants came to America from Brazil,” said Kula. “Our performance celebrates the intersection of tradition and innovation so the concert experience is personal and relevant for a contemporary audience.”

Baritone Reshard, a Miami resident, will sing eight songs in Hebrew, Aramaic or English.

Abramson, dean of students at Touro College in Miami, will share stories and anecdotes on forgiveness, compassion, gratitude and love during the 90-minute concert.

“The music will translate the message of the High Holidays into a modern idiom, while I will provide universal insight, wisdom and humor from the ancient writings of the sages,” he said.

Tickets are \$36 and can be purchased at the Crest Theatre's box office at the Delray Beach Center for the Arts at 561-243-7922 or

www.delraycenterforthearts.org/index.php/attend/music-concerts.

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Photo Captions

[JewishNewYear1.jpg](#): Conductor Aaron Kula and Klezmer Company Orchestra.

[JewishNewYear2.jpg](#): Scholar and Humorist Henry Abramson, Ph.D.

[JewishNewYear3.jpg](#): Vocalist and baritone Lloyd Reshard.

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