



Jerusalem Music Centre

2025/26 Season







#### Dear Friends,

I am pleased to present the 2025/26 season of the International and "Seven at 7" Concert Series.

Over the years, through collaborations and partnerships, the Jerusalem Music Centre has forged close relationships with some of the world's most prominent classical musicians. These relationships have allowed it to present concerts of the highest caliber, and to strengthen Jerusalem's standing as a leading city in the international classical music scene.

This season, too, we will witness the extraordinary talent and success of Israel's young classical musicians, who are supported and nurtured by the Music Centre's programs. As Director of the Centre, I take great pride in the increased participation of Music Centre almuni in our concert series year after year.

The 2025/26 International Series will be dedicated to the memory of those killed or wounded in the war, which has cast a shadow over us for nearly two years. One of the highlights of the series—and of the season as a whole—will be a special gala concert at the Jerusalem International Convention Center, featuring renowned pianist Evgeny Kissin. This solo recital will be dedicated to the memory of the victims of October 7.

International Series audiences will also hear: outstanding string ensembles, including the Jerusalem, Belcea, Ariel, and Leonkoro Quartets—they will perform Beethoven's last five string quartets; the Amatis Trio; cellist Anastasia Kobekina and pianist Natalia Grines; String sextets performed by Jerusalem Music Centre alumni, and a solo recital by another Centre alumnus, international pianist Yoav Levanon.

The "Seven at 7" Series, hosted as always by Professor Ariel Hirschfeld, will consist of a fascinating and diverse array of unique concerts, each dedicated to a particular theme, style, or composer. The performers will be leading Israeli soloists and ensembles, including: Roman Rabinovich, who will perform Bach's *Goldberg Variations*; the ensemble Multipiano playing multi-handed Mozart; Ensemble Mezzo, who will offer a Ladinothemed program; the Rishonim Quartet performing works by Boccherini; baritone Oded Reich in a recital of German Lieder in new Hebrew translation, and distinguished musicians from Israel and Germany performing Messiaen's *Quartet for the End of Time* 

Special thanks go to the Wolfensohn family, who, through these concert series, continue to honor the memory of their parents—devoted supporters of the State of Israel, who helped found and supported the Jerusalem Music Centre over many years.

With hope and prayers for the safe return of all of the hostages and soldiers, an end to the war, the healing of its victims, and the recovery of Israeli society,

Gadi Abadi

Director, Jerusalem Music Centre

# The Elaine and Sir James Wolfensohn International series 2025/26 Season



# Evgeny Kissin piano recital

Tuesday | 17.2.2026 | 20:00 | JCC Jerusalem (Binyanei Ha'Uma)

Beethoven: Piano Sonata No. 7 in D major, Op. 10 No. 3

**Chopin:** Mazurkas Nos. 27, 29, 35, 39, 51 **Schumann:** Kreisleriana, Op. 16

Liszt: Hungarian Rhapsody No. 12 in C sharp minor

#### **CONCERTS FROM PREVIOUS SEASON**

# Within the Family - Maisky Trio

Saturday | 1.11.2025 | 20:00 | Zucker Hall, Heichal Hatarbut Sunday | 2.11.2025 | 20:00 | YMCA Jerusalem

> Lily Maisky piano Sascha Maisky violin Mischa Maisky cello

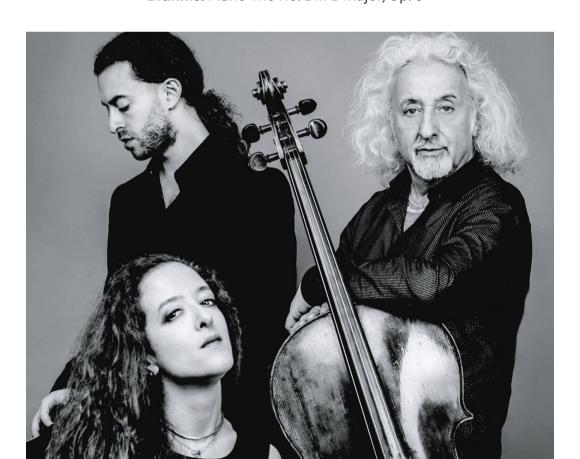
Clara Schumann: Three Romances for violin and piano, Op. 22

Robert Schumann: Fantasiestücke, Op. 73

Romance, Op.74 No. 1, arr. for cello and piano

Songs from "Dichterliebe", Op. 48 & "Myrthen", Op. 25, arr. for cello and piano

Brahms: Piano Trio No. 1 in B major, Op. 8



## **Ariel Quartet**

Thursday | 23.10.2025 | 20:00 YMCA Jerusalem

Alexandra Kazovsky violin Gershon Gerchikov violin Jan Grüning viola Amit Even-Tov cello

#### Haydn

String Quartet in E flat Major, Op. 33 No. 2, "The Joke"

#### Berg

String Quartet, Op. 3

#### **Beethoven**

String Quartet No. 15 in A minor, Op. 132

# Anastasia Kobekina cello Natalia Grines piano (Russia)

Thursday | 27.11.2025 | 20:00 YMCA Jerusalem

#### Schubert

Sonata for Arpeggione and Piano in A minor, D. 821

#### **Nadia Boulanger**

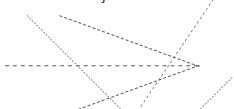
Three Pieces for cello & piano

#### **Stravinsky**

Suite Italienne (from Pulcinella)

#### Franck

Sonata in A Major



# **Belcea Quartet** (UK) **Concert I**

<u>Tuesday</u> | 20.1.2026 | 20:00 YMCA Jerusalem

Corina Belcea violin
Pablo Hernán Benedí violin
Krzysztof Chorzelski viola
Antoine Lederlin cello

#### Webern

Langsamer Satz

#### Mozart

String Quartet No. 19 in C Major, K. 465, "Dissonance"

#### **Beethoven**

String Quartet No. 14 in C sharp minor, Op. 131

# **Belcea Quartet** (UK) **Concert II**

Wednesday | 21.1.2026 | 20:00 YMCA Jerusalem

Corina Belcea violin
Pablo Hernán Benedí violin
Krzysztof Chorzelski viola
Antoine Lederlin cello

#### Mendelssohn

Fuga & Capriccio from Four Pieces for String Quartet, Op. 81

#### **Britten**

String Quartet No. 2 in C Major, Op. 36

#### Beethoven

String Quartet No. 16 in F Major, Op. 135







# Jerusalem Quartet with Gary Hoffman

Thursday | 12.2.2026 | 20:00 YMCA Jerusalem

Alexander Pavlovsky violin Sergei Bresler violin Ori Kam viola Kyril Zlotnikov cello Gary Hoffman cello (France)

#### Haydn

String Quartet in B flat Major, Op. 76 No. 4, "Sunrise" **Shulamit Ran** String Quartet No. 4 **Schubert** String Quintet in C Major, D. 956

# Yoav Levanon piano

Thursday | 12.3.2026 | 20:00 YMCA Jerusalem

#### Bach

Prelude in E Minor, BWV 855 – arr. **Siloti** in B Minor

#### Chopin

Ballade No. 1 in G minor, Op. 23 Ballade No. 2 in F Major, Op. 38 Ballade No. 3 in A flat Major, Op. 47 Ballade No. 4 in F minor, Op. 52

#### **Yoav Levanon**

To where Frozen Teardrops go

#### Rachmaninov

Variations on Theme of Chopin, Op. 22

#### Liszt

Transcendental Etudes

# **String Sextets**

Thursday | 23.4.2026 | 20:00 YMCA Jerusalem

Yuval Herz violin (Germany-Israel)
Nitzan Bartana violin
(Switzerland-Israel)
Shira Majoni viola (Germany-Israel)
Tomoko Akasaka viola
(Japan-Germany)
Haran Meltzer cello
Lia Chen Perloy cello

#### Bach

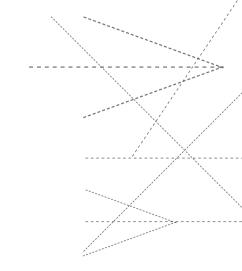
Ricercar a 6 from Musical Offering, BWV 1079

#### Schoenberg

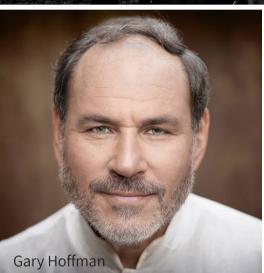
Verklärte Nacht - String Sextet, Op. 4

#### **Tchaikovsky**

Souvenir de Florence – String Sextet in D minor, Op. 70



















# **Amatis Trio** (The Netherlands-Austria)

Thursday | 7.5.2026 | 20:00 YMCA Jerusalem

Mengjie Han piano Lea Hausmann violin Samuel Shepherd cello

#### Liszt

Tristia – La Vallée d'Obermann, for Piano Trio

#### Suk

Piano Trio in D flat Major, Op. 23

#### **Smetana**

Piano Trio in G minor, Op. 15 **Mendelssohn** Piano Trio No. 2 in C minor, Op. 66

# **Leonkoro Quartet** (Germany)

Thursday | 4.6.2026 | 20:00 YMCA Jerusalem

Jonathan Schwarz violin Amelie Wallner violin Mayu Konoe viola Lukas Schwarz cello

#### **Henriëtte Bosmans**

String Quartet

#### Mendelssohn

String Quartet No. 2 in A minor, Op. 13

#### **Schubert**

String Quartet No. 14 in D minor, D. 810, "Death & the Maiden"

# **Jerusalem Quartet**

Thursday | 18.6.2026 | 20:00 YMCA Jerusalem

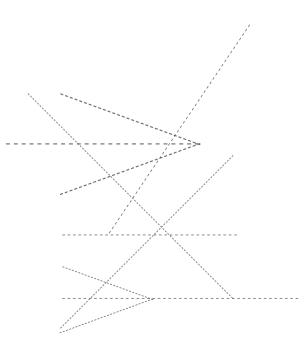
Alexander Pavlovsky violin Sergei Bresler violin Ori Kam viola Kyril Zlotnikov cello

#### Ravel

String Quartet in F Major **Janáček** 

String Quartet No.1, "Kreutzer Sonata" **Beethoven** 

String Quartet No. 13 in B flat Major, Op.130, with Grosse Fuge, Op. 133















# **Reservations: 02-6241041**

Box Office: Sundays – Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Tickets also available on concert evenings from 7:00 p.m. at the YMCA box office.

#### Jerusalem Music Centre

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The concerts take place at the Mary Nathaniel Golden Hall of Friendship, YMCA, 26 King David St., Jerusalem Program subject to change.

- Prices are in NIS
- Purchase your subscription before 31.8.2025 and enjoy special rates!
- We will save Renewing subscribers' seats until 31.8.2025.
- We will do our utmost to provide you with your preferred seats, though, regretfully, we cannot guarantee this.
- Free admission for soldiers, subject to availability. IDF card required.

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#### **SUBSCRIPTION RATES**

	Full Price	Senior Citizen	Subscription Holder	Early Purchase (until 31.8.2025)
Full Package (10 Concerts)	1,300	1,120	1,080	1,000
Premium Package (7 Concerts)	950	900	830	770
Select Package (5 Concerts)	720	660	610	570
5XMulti Ticket	740	670	620	580
Single Ticket	155	140		



# SEVEN AT 7 2025/26 SEASON

# SEVEN MUSICAL ENCOUNTERS AT THE JERUSALEM MUSIC CENTRE, MISHKENOT SHA'ANANIM

# From a Still, Small Voice to the Sound of the End of Days

In the 2025/26 "Seven at 7" concert season, we will encounter an exceptionally wide range of chamber music modes—from a single, plucked note to quintets and groups of pianos... from the realm of pure form to the piercing, expressive voices of Messiaen's Quartet for the End of Time... from the rare to the well-known and the famous—the rare gaining well-deserved exposure, and the well-known revealing the unfamiliar.







# **SEVEN AT 7**

#### SUBSTITUTE CONCERT FROM LAST SEASON

Tuesday | 28.10.25 | 19:00 | Jerusalem Music Centre

# **The Dark Secret of Impressionism**

# **Trio Delyria**

David Strongin Violin Uriah Tutter Cello Elisha Kravitz Piano

Two piano trios that present tonal landscapes previously unheard and never surpassed by **Lili Boulanger** and **Maurice Ravel** 





#### November 25, 2025

# Bach for Plucked Instruments

**Alon Sariel** will present Bach works for lute, along with his own arrangements of Bach works for his instrument, the mandolin. These arrangements elevate the modest mandolin to the status of worthy soloist, capable of meeting the highest musical challenges.



# Lieder in a Pita: An Israeli Winter Journey

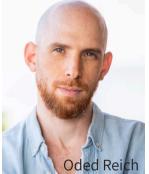
Baritone **Oded Reich** and pianist **Ido Ariel** will perform Schubert songs in modern Hebrew translation. While previous translations have been awkward, this version gives the songs a local voice that grapples with the rhythm and world of the German source material.

#### **January 6, 2026**

# **Bach's Goldberg Variations**

Pianist **Roman Rabinovich** will perform the Baroque era's greatest and most demanding set of variations.









#### Thursday February 19, 2026

# **Quartet for the End of Time**

Composed in a German POW camp during World War II, Messiaen's Quartet for the End of Time is a radiant testament to the freedom of the human spirit and soul, even in the face of catastrophe.

Performers:
Michal Friedlander

Karl-Heinz Steffens Roi Shiloah Hillel Zori



# **MultiPiano Plays Mozart**

Mozart loved doubling the number of hands on the piano (or pianos.) The unique MultiPiano ensemble will expand the keyboard repertoire even further, with many more hands, in the manner and spirit of Mozart.













# **Early Works of Boccherini**

Luigi Boccherini, the great cellist of the early Classical period, was the father of the string quintet, and composed some of its earliest masterpieces, which served as models for Mozart and Schubert. **The Rishonim Quartet** will perform a quartet and quintet that offer glimpses into Boccherini's fascinating musical world.

#### **Ensemble Mezzo**

Exploring the Richness of Ladino Song Ensemble Mezzo will reveal the European Baroque roots of the familiar Ladino song tradition. The themes and hues that will emerge will be darker, more joyful, and far more daring than those of the conventional Ladino repertoire.





### The concerts will take place at 7:00 p.m. in The JMC Hall.

Professor Ariel Hirschfeld will introduce each concert with a short lecture (in Hebrew), and after the music, will bring audience and artists together in a stimulating conversation.

#### **Prices**

Regular: NIS 130 | Seniors: NIS 115

Series subscription: NIS 770 | Series subscription for seniors: NIS 670

Five concerts: NIS 590 | Five concerts for seniors: NIS 520

Renewed subscriptions – Special price: NIS 630 | Five concerts: NIS 500

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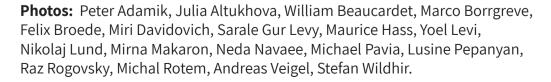
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