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Israeli Classical Musicians to perform at REACH-NYC event. March 26, 2015, 7:30 PM.

"Creating Conversations."
A few months ago, REACH-NYC created a new concept we call "Creating Conversations." It has always been my deepest hope that people from various walks of life and various faith traditions could find a way to come together in peace and join in conversation. Music, it seems to me is the miracle that can bring this about.

In an attempt to meet our neighbors who live in the Greenwich Village community of New York City, and the surrounding area of the city, we began to have concerts, held in the NYC landmark 1881 sanctuary of Historic Manhattan Seventh-day Adventist Church, located at 232 West 11th Street, NYC.

The concert series has been nothing short of miraculous in its remarkable ability to bring people together to enjoy great music and connecting members of the community with members of REACH-NYC and those who attend our church, creating conversations between people who otherwise would never meet.

Fully 80% of those who attend REACH-NYC sponsored concerts come from the community and neighborhood surrounding this landmark venue. Each of these concerts are followed by a reception for the musicians and our guests with delectable food and refreshments made by REACH-NYC staff members.

The first concert we held featured our resident classical pianist Eiichi Shimada, who as a classically trained professional pianist and organist plays at our worship services every Saturday morning at 11:30 a.m. The concert held featuring selections of classic piano pieces attracted over 250 guests.

At the reception that followed, a guest from the community approached me and suggested that her daughter, a professional flautist would love to play at one of our upcoming concert. After various conversations to make this happen, a night was planned that featured three musicians brought about by this connection. All featured musicians were members of the community.

Again, 80% of those who attended the concert this past August, were from the Greenwich Village community, including a professional harpist who has already performed as a featured musician at one of our worship services, joined by a member of the original group that performed at the August evening concert.

"Creating Conversations" really works. At the reception that followed the August 2014 concert, featuring various prepared fresh foods, a conversation began between a young visitor from Israel and me. He was impressed with the food being served, the concert and asked, wondering who REACH-NYC was. It was a polite and interesting conversation. We also spent a few minutes as he questioned me about who Seventh-day Adventists were. He was taken by the warmth of the community and the taste of the food. We shook hands as I met with other members of the community.

About two months after the concert, I received an email from Israel, suggesting that a visitor (the same person I had a conversation with who happened to be a composer) at one of our concerts had mentioned how wonderful it was to attend the REACH-NYC concert. The writer of the email then went on to suggest that they were part of a well known group in Israel called Atar Trio, and they were interested in performing at our venue in their upcoming 2015 tour.

You can view the Atar Trio 2015 trailer by clicking on the link below.
Atar Trio, from Jerusalem, Israel
to perform in NYC.
A REACH-NYC sponsored event.

The great news that I want to share with you, is that Atar Trio will be performing at our next REACH-NYC concert series on Thursday, March 26, 2015, in the landmark sanctuary of Historic Manhattan Seventh-day Adventist Church at 7:30 p.m. This will be part of the Atar Trio’s 2015 tour that will begin in Jerusalem, Israel, and continue with performances in Ramat-Gan, Israel, University of Virginia, and other stops in the United States, including Historic Manhattan Seventh-day Adventist Church here in New York City.

The tour will culminate with a final performance in Tel Aviv, Israel after visits to two other venues in America.

These humble concerts that have been the key to "Creating Conversations" has had amazing results, reaching from a small concept developed in New York City and reaching all the way to Israel. We look forward to the evening of Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. and certainly hope you can join us at this remarkable event. As they say "Save The Date." Perhaps it will be a chance to create a conversation that will bring us all closer together.

If you would like to help sponsor this event, please scroll down to make a donation. Thank you to all of our REACH-NYC supporters, in helping us in "Creating Conversations."

May God continue to bless you and keep you strong no matter what is happening in your life and the lives of those you love.

Best regards - Tony Romeo

P.S.: At the time of this writing - Our prayers are with the people of Israel and the worshippers who were attacked in what was the peaceful assembly in their synagogue earlier today. We are saddened by this senseless act of violence.

Join us for a Spirit filled morning of great music and the sharing of the Word. We gather or worship on Saturday morning’s at 11:30 a.m. in the 1881 landmark sanctuary of Historic Manhattan Seventh-day Adventist Church, 232 West 11th Street, NYC. Located just 1.5 blocks West of Seventh Ave. South and one and a half blocks East of West 4th Street, in the beautiful West Village.

We also have a small group gathering every Friday evening at Cafe Reach, in the candlelit relaxed setting where we come together to learn and encourage each other. Please join us this Friday, Nov. 21.
**PARKING:** If you are traveling by car and cannot find a parking space on the street, we recommend a discount indoor parking garage located on West 12th Street. Travel down Seventh Ave. South and on the corner of West 12th Street, make a left turn. The indoor parking garage is located immediately on your left. The discounted parking fee is good on Saturday’s from when you arrive until 7 PM.

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