

ARTS, CULTURE & SOCIETY EVENTS

"Sacred Rights, Sacred Song - A Concert of Concern"

Conducted by Cantor David Tilman with Special Guest Naomi Less on November 13

On Sunday **November 13, 2016** at 7 p.m., a chorus of over 50 singers will present "Sacred Rights, Sacred Song - A Concert of Concern" at the Perelman Theater in the Kimmel Center in Philadelphia at 7 p.m. "Sacred Rights, Sacred Song" (SRSS) is an 11-piece multi-composer cantata that is designed to literally raise voices in concern over the state of the modern Jewish democracy in the modern Jewish State of Israel. Special Guest is Jewish rocker Naomi Less who will lead the chorus in her contribution to the cantata, "Sh'ma Yisrael."

Tickets for the concert will range in price from \$22 to \$184 and can be purchased by contacting The Kimmel Center box office at 215-893-1999 or www.sacredrightssacredsongs.org.

SRSS Chorus will be made up of local singers from throughout the Philadelphia/NJ area, in addition to several cantors from the Delaware Valley Cantors' Assembly as well as Sharim v'Sharot, a Jewish choir from Central New Jersey under the direction of Dr. Elaine Grossman. The narration will be read by SRSS founder and lyricist, Fran Gordon, and will reflect the current state of affairs in this area of what SRSS calls "Public Jewish Law."

Fran Gordon, the founder of SRSS, is excited to add Philadelphia to the cities where this concert has been performed. She explained the meaning of this significant performance this way, "I look forward to the Philadelphia Jewish Community joining this nationwide effort to raise voices in concern over one of the most crucial issues confronting Israel and Diaspora Jewry in our time, one that is slowly but surely impacting the relationship between the Jewish People and the Jewish State where there is an appalling abuse of religious and political power."

"There is a continuing struggle for respect and legitimacy by Jews and Jewish institutions that are Other than Orthodox because, due to the historic status quo, ultra-Orthodox principles continue to prevail in the public sphere. While progress has been made in some areas, notably with respect to the religious rights of women and liberal Jews at the Western Wall, the Kotel, social change is slow and there remains an Orthodox monopoly on Jewish marriage, divorce, burial and other parts of the civil society." She continued, "It is up to Americans, all those in the diaspora, to support the need for Jewish democracy in Israel and that is the purpose of bringing together voices and music in our Concert of Concern."

To find out more about SRSS and how local organizations can be involved, contact Brynna Fish, SRSS Program Director, 216-407-5543 or bfish6557@gmail.com.

About "Sacred Rights, Sacred Song"

In 2010, Fran Gordon launched "Sacred Rights, Sacred Song" with the vision of ensuring that Israel be a healthy Jewish democracy in which the spiritual civil rights of all Jews are protected. The goal is for Judaism to be expressed and celebrated freely and equally by men and women and in its myriad forms of observance and that matters of personal status and spirit are governed by a Public Jewish Law that welcomes vibrancy and creativity.

The mission of Sacred Rights, Sacred Song is to educate the North American Jewish community about challenges to religious freedom in Israeli society and motivate them to provide moral, visible and financial support to promote a Jewish democratic society based on the notions of gender equality and freedom of worship. For information, visit www.sacredrightssacredsongs.org.



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Main Line Art Center Unveils New Small Art Phenomenon with a Twist

"Flip Side Community Exhibition & Fundraiser"

Main Line Art Center's gallery walls will be filled with hundreds of small-scale, unique and affordable works of art for the Center's debut presentation of the "Flip Side Community Exhibition and Fundraiser."

On view **November 11 to 19** with a ticketed preview party on Thursday, **November 10**, "Flip Side" will feature established professional artists exhibited alongside emerging and youth artists. International celebrities, local television personalities, and politicians next to Main Line Art Center members and Teaching Artists. Among the hundreds of artists are international peace activist Wavy Gravy, State Senator Daylin Leach, and nationally and internationally-exhibited artists Deirdre Murphy, Sun Young Kang, DISTORT, and Eiko Fan, to name a few! Each of the 8"x8" works of art will be sold for \$40 and will go home with the art purchaser immediately. What's the twist? Artwork will be exhibited anonymously to encourage patrons to purchase work entirely based on what they love. The artist's identity will not be revealed until after the artwork is purchased, removed from the gallery wall, and flipped over to reveal the artist's name on the back...otherwise known as the "flip side!"

"Flip Side" will open with a ticketed preview party on Thursday, **November 10** from 6 to 8:30 p.m. featuring tastings of locally-produced spirits and cuisine, music, and lots of surprises. For \$40 in advance or \$50 at the door, preview party attendees will have the first pick of the affordable works of art, and will be treated to spirit samplings. Tickets for the "Flip Side Preview Party" can be purchased at www.mainlineart.org or by calling 610-525-0272.

"Flip Side" isn't just a unique opportunity to purchase incredibly affordable artwork in a fun environment, it also will help raise crucial funding for the Center's community-based programming. Proceeds from the preview party and art sales will benefit Main Line Art Center's programs in the community, including the Center's robust scholarship program and their award-winning Accessible Art Programs for children and adults with disabilities.

Main Line Art Center is located at 746 Panmure Road in Haverford, PA, just off of Lancaster Avenue. The Art Center is easily accessible from public transportation and offers abundant free parking. For more information about "Flip Side," visit www.mainlineart.org or call 610-525-0272.