



Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation

Fall 2013

Presidents' Message

Shana Tova! We wish all our members and friends a very happy, healthy and sweet New Year.

CICF is celebrating its 50th anniversary. Founded in 1963, CICF is dedicated to supporting and developing artistic life in Israel, as well as showcasing Israeli culture in Canada.

In recent years, we have sponsored many concerts in Canada, including the Carmel Trio, Avishai Cohen and Habanot Nechama. A highlight was the two trips to Canada by the Thelma Yellin High School for the Arts Big Band. A photography exhibit of early Israel by photojournalist, Paul Goldman connected us to Israel's past. The community partnerships for all these events have been truly gratifying.

The CICF/AICF Sharett Scholarship Program has provided so many young Israeli artists with opportunities to grow. Musicians, visual artists, filmmakers, dancers – all have benefitted from your generosity, and so many have gone on to stellar careers in the arts. We count Pinchas Zukerman, Itzhak Perlman and Daniel Barenboim among our celebrity recipients. Thousands more are grateful for the support they have received.

As a celebration of this anniversary, we are sponsoring The Royal Conservatory presentation of David Broza and Yemen Blues at Koerner Hall this fall. We are also undertaking a new initiative, *Spotlight on Israeli Culture*, which will aim to act as an umbrella for a wide variety of Israeli cultural ventures.

We hope you will join us for all these events. Your support for these endeavors is essential.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday, November 15th at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Blossom, 1950 Bathurst St., Toronto. All members are cordially invited to attend.

Ron Bresler
National President

Karen Green
Toronto Chapter President

David Broza and Yemen Blues



David Broza



Yemen Blues

In celebration of our 50th anniversary, CICF is sponsoring The Royal Conservatory's presentation of David Broza and Yemen Blues on October 26th at Koerner Hall.

David Broza is often referred to as the "Israeli Springsteen". A past CICF/AICF scholarship winner, this multi-platinum singer, songwriter and guitarist's soulful voice and beautiful acoustic guitar work create magic in songs that range from blues to flamenco.

Yemen Blues, led by charismatic Ravid Kahalani, is a 21st century brew of Yemenite-Jewish song, West African grooves and American jazz, funk and blues.

This will be an amazing evening! Please join us after the concert for a dessert reception where you can meet the artists.

Koerner Hall 273 Bloor St. West
Saturday, October 26, 2013 8 pm
Tickets \$180.00 including dessert reception

To reserve call 416.932.2260 or email cicf@bellnet.ca

Proceeds from this evening will go to support the Sharett Scholarship Fund.



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Spotlight on Israeli Culture

In a new initiative, CICF is spearheading a partnership with several Toronto organizations to build a showcase of Israeli culture. The time period will span February and March, 2014 and will include film, theatre, art, music, and photography.

As part of the Spotlight, CICF is a sponsor of the the Harold Green Jewish Theatre Company's production of "An Israeli Love Story", running February 13th – 16th. This one-woman play is set in pre-state Israel, and tells the story of a relationship developing despite the many hardships and dangers of those times.



Adi Bielski in "An Israeli Love Story"

Also part of the Spotlight is the Miles Nadal JCC's exhibit of photographs by Israeli artist Nelli Sheffer, and we are hoping to have trumpeter Avishai Cohen and his jazz group, sponsored by the Toronto Jazz Festival.



Photo by Nelli Sheffer

Israel is in a golden age of creativity and this Spotlight will look to emphasize the cultural richness of the country. We are hoping this will become an annual event.

Itamar Zorman



CICF's Sharett Scholarship Program was the honoured recipient of a truly beautiful evening at the lovely home of Esther and Harold Milstein.

The amazing duo of Kornhauser prize-winning violinist, Itamar Zorman and pianist, Liza Stepanova brought their audience to its feet with the beauty of their music and their fabulous presentation. Itamar spoke about the importance of the scholarship program to him and how he continues to play at The Juilliard School with the 1745 Pietro Guarneri violin on loan to him from Israel. What a pleasure to witness young musicians at the beginning of their careers!

A special thanks to Esther and Harold Milstein for hosting this truly wonderful evening, and to the AI Green Gallery for its sponsorship and continuing support.



From l to r: Harold Milstein, Host; Karen Green, Toronto Chapter President; Liza Stepanova, Pianist; Itamar Zorman, Violinist; Esther Milstein, Host

In Memoriam – Susan Kornhauser

We express our sincerest condolences to the family of the late Susan Kornhauser z'l. Mrs. Kornhauser and her late husband Emanuel Kornhauser z'l were longtime supporters of CICF. They established two ongoing prizes, one in violin and one in brass, awarded in Israel every three years to promising young musicians. Mrs. Kornhauser was a great supporter of CICF's mission. May her memory be for a blessing.

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"culture is Israel's bridge to the world, never permitting us to be isolated." (Aura Herzog)