

**ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC PRESENTS CELEBRATION OF ACADEMY AWARD
WINNING COMPOSER HANS ZIMMER FEATURING A HOST OF STARS OF SCREEN AND STAGE
INCLUDING GRAMMY AND TONY AWARD WINNING ACTRESS AND SINGER BETTE MIDLER**

**ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC MUSIC DIRECTOR LAHAV SHANI CONDUCTS THE ORCHESTRA IN A
GALA CELEBRATING MUSIC, MOVIES AND MIRACLES**

STREAMING ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 6 AT 7PM

Following on from the international success of its last live-streamed gala featuring Dame Helen Mirren, the Israel Philharmonic today announced a free-to-view streaming of a pre-Hanukkah celebration of famed film composer Hans Zimmer.

The gala will feature orchestral performances, behind-the-scenes interviews and powerful messages of hope from a stellar cast including Grammy and Tony Award-winning actress and singer **Bette Midler**, actress and star of *Fauda* **Ronalee Shimon**, actress and model **Dar Zuzovsky**, music manager **Kenny Hamilton** and other special guests.

The Israel Philharmonic and its Music Director **Lahav Shani** will perform pieces from many of Zimmer's most popular works.

The event will stream internationally, free of charge, to bring music and holiday light from Israel's world-class Philharmonic to audiences around the world.

Registration is free on [AFIPO's website](#); donations will offset critical Philharmonic revenue losses due to forced pandemic closures. Donors will receive access to an exclusive VIP afterparty with Christie's Global Managing Director **Lydia Fenet** and guests, discussing *Trendsetters and Tastemakers: Culture, Art, Fashion and Design in 2021 and Beyond*.

"With Hans Zimmer and Bette Midler, and so many others, joining the Israel Philharmonic for this spectacular virtual concert I can't imagine a better way to raise awareness of the important work it does both in Israel and around the world. In these trying times, when the concert halls are closed, this concert will bring beautiful and unforgettable music into homes" said **Marsha Lee**, Chair, Israel Philharmonic Orchestra Foundation UK. *"The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra Foundation in the UK will continue to promote peace, understanding, and dialogue amongst different cultures, nations and faiths, through the power of music."*

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This gala is presented by the Israel Philharmonic Foundation UK , together with [American Friends of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra](#) (AFIPO) and the [Israel Philharmonic Foundation](#)

About the Israel Philharmonic: The Israel Philharmonic is the leading orchestra in Israel and globally recognized as a world class symphonic ensemble. Founded in 1936 by famed Polish violinist Bronislaw Huberman, the Israel Phil performs regularly in its home, the Charles Bronfman Auditorium in Tel Aviv, as well as across Israel, including Jerusalem and Haifa. Additionally, it tours internationally, from Europe to Asia to North and South America. Since its inception, the Israel Phil has enjoyed long-lasting relationships with renowned soloists and conductors which have kept it at the forefront of the classical music world. For more information, please visit www.ipo.co.il

About the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra Foundation UK: Following the first visit of the Israel Phil to the UK in 1955, the British Friends of the IPO was formed and has led to many more welcome visits of the orchestra to the UK. **The IPO Foundation UK (IPOF-UK)** today, represents a growing number of British Friends who champion the IPO as a leading world-class orchestra and Israel's foremost cultural ambassador promoting peace and open dialogue through the power of music. For more information, please contact Ruth Fisher at ruth@ipofoundation.co.uk