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MUSIC WITH A MISSION – STRIKING A CHORD SINCE 2010

WHAT: Music With A Mission (MWAM) – *Finding Your Voice* by Street Symphony

WHEN: Thursday – June 20, 2024 – 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm

WHERE: The Midnight Mission, 601 S. San Pedro St., LA, CA 90014, Guest Dining Room

WHO: **STREET SYMPHONY** <http://streetsymphony.org>

The Midnight Mission welcomes Street Symphony back for their 106th visit. This month’s “Finding Your Voice” program will feature Midnight Strings guitar ensemble members sharing narratives of hope and recovery alongside original music created by guitarist and Street Symphony Teaching Artist Philip Gaulty and his collaborators.

“Finding Your Voice” is a celebration of the second anniversary of Midnight Strings, an ongoing guitar and songwriting workshop held at The Midnight Mission. Participants of the Midnight Strings workshop explore different genres and styles of guitar playing and co-create original songs and lyrics with master teaching artists. Presented by a variety of professional musicians and members of the Skid Row community, this interdisciplinary concert will feature poetry and spoken word by Midnight Strings participants. Interspersed will be folk songs and original works that reflect the stories shared, performed by a cross-cultural string band.

The audience for this event will include our homeless neighbors, participants of TMM programs, and our community partners.

WHY: The Midnight hosts Music With a Mission (MWAM) to entertain and inspire those living on Skid Row. Music is a survival tactic for many people dealing with life’s difficulties. MWAM is aimed at bringing our community together through music. MWAM is quite simple - musicians bring their instruments and play for our homeless and near-homeless guests. It is an intimate setting, so musicians have the opportunity to interact with our guests, answer questions, and/or talk about music and its history. We encourage musicians to invite their fan base so they can engage and enjoy music with individuals they would not normally encounter in their daily lives.

HOW: All are welcome, and there is no charge.

About The Midnight Mission: Founded in 1914, The Midnight Mission offers paths to self-sufficiency to individuals and families who have lost direction. Our emergency services and 12-step recovery, family living, job training, education, and workforce development programs offer a compassionate bridge to achieve and maintain healthy, productive lives. We remove obstacles and provide the accountability and structure that people experiencing homelessness need to be productive in their communities. Our conviction and commitment to their success define us. For additional information, please visit www.midnightmission.org.