

Oran Etkin Performs Family Concert for Hanukkah at The Jewish Museum Sunday, December 25

Jewish Museum

NEW YORK, NY – The Jewish Museum will present Oran Etkin and his Timbalooloo band in a special Hanukkah family concert on Sunday, December 25 at 11:30 am. Their performance will be inspired by two Jewish stories of light: the traditional Hanukkah tale and a story of light from the Kabbalah. It tells how a spiritual light that existed before the world's creation was scattered and needs to be brought together to make the world whole. This story of healing the world resonated with Etkin and was the basis of his 2014 album, *Gathering Light*, which interweaves his own compositions with melodies and rhythms he learned in his musical travels to Asia and Africa. This concert will intermingle Hanukkah songs from Israel and tunes from Indonesia that celebrate the beauty of the Festival of Lights in a fresh way. Etkin will also share tunes from his 2010 album, *Wake Up, Clarinet!* with its whimsical blend of klezmer, jazz and world music. Etkin's interactive performances effortlessly convey sophisticated concepts in a fun musical language that kids of all ages can understand.

Tickets are \$16 general; \$13 Jewish Museum family level members. This concert is for children ages 3 to 8. Adults are asked to accompany their children. For further information regarding family programs at the Jewish Museum, the public may call 212.423.3337. Tickets can be purchased online at thejewishmuseum.org/families. The Jewish Museum is located at 1109 Fifth Avenue at 92nd Street, New York City.

Oran Etkin is an internationally acclaimed clarinetist and composer who can be heard on major concert stages throughout the world and on a recent Grammy Award-winning anti-bullying compilation. Yet Etkin feels equally at home sitting on the floor surrounded by a gaggle of spellbound children presenting a riveting story about Tito Puente, Mahalia Jackson or his musical travels in Indonesia. Etkin has hand selected and trained a core group of creative educators who have taught Timbalooloo classes to over 1,000 young children using his method in schools and homes throughout New York City. Etkin's album releases *Kelenia*, *Wake Up Clarinet!* and *Gathering Light* have garnered international acclaim and multiple awards, including Best World Album and Best Children's Album at the Independent Music Awards. Etkin and his band have performed at the Montreal International Jazz Festival and were invited by Herbie Hancock to perform at UNESCO's International Jazz Day celebration in 2015.

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About The Jewish Museum

Located on Museum Mile at Fifth Avenue and 92nd Street, the Jewish Museum is one of the world's preeminent institutions devoted to exploring art and Jewish culture from ancient to contemporary, offering intellectually engaging, educational, and provocative exhibitions and programs for people of all ages and backgrounds. The Museum was established in 1904, when Judge Mayer Sulzberger donated 26 ceremonial objects to The Jewish Theological Seminary as the core of a museum collection. Today, the Museum maintains a collection of over 30,000 works of art, artifacts, and broadcast media reflecting global Jewish identity, and presents a diverse schedule of internationally acclaimed temporary exhibitions. Visitors can now also enjoy Russ & Daughters at the Jewish Museum, a kosher sit-down restaurant and take-out appetizing counter on the Museum's lower level.

The Jewish Museum is located at 1109 Fifth Avenue at 92nd Street, New York City. Museum hours are Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, 11am to 5:45pm; Thursday, 11am to 8pm; and Friday, 11am to 4pm. Museum admission is \$15.00 for adults, \$12.00 for senior citizens, \$7.50 for students, free for visitors 18 and under and Jewish Museum members. Admission is Pay What You Wish on Thursdays from 5pm to 8pm and free on Saturdays. For information on the Jewish Museum, the public may call 212.423.3200 or visit the website at TheJewishMuseum.org.

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