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MUSIC WITH A MISSION – STRIKING A CHORD SINCE 2010

WHAT: Music With A Mission (MWAM) – The Street Symphony

WHEN: Thursday – October 25, 2018 – 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

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

WHO: **THE STREET SYMPHONY** www.streetsymphony.org

The Midnight Mission (TMM) is thrilled to welcome Street Symphony (SS) back for their 49th visit. Each month SS brings an ensemble of world-class musicians to perform for our guests. This month, musicians from the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra (LACO) will be performing alongside Anthony McGill, principal clarinet of the New York Philharmonic and TMM's very own Alumnus, composer Ben Shirley. Shirley composed his clarinet and tenor piece "Brother Burn" for TMM in collaboration with Anthony McGill. LACO will be debuting Ben's piece as well as performing Mozart's Clarinet Quintet movement 1 Allegro. Musicians will include Anthony McGill (clarinet), Sydney Adedamala (violin), Ayrton Pisco (violin), Bradley Parrimore (viola), Juan-Salvador Carrasco (cello) and Todd Strange (tenor). We are so proud of Ben and look forward to this extraordinary program.

Street Symphony, directed by LA Philharmonic Violinist Vijay Gupta, brings live musical outreach and educational workshops to audiences without access to the arts, throughout Southern California. Street Symphony ensembles perform at LA County Jails and homeless shelters in downtown Los Angeles, as well as public events for the community-at-large, aimed to raise awareness for issues of mental health, incarceration, and homelessness. Their mission at large is to bring music to the most underserved communities throughout L.A.

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 in 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. **We are currently looking for sponsors for this ever-growing community event. If you are interested, please contact Georgia Berkovich at 213-624-4588 or gberkovich@midnightmission.org.**

About The Midnight Mission: Founded in 1914, The Midnight Mission offers paths to self-sufficiency to men, women and children 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 who are 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.