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MUSIC WITH A MISSION – STRIKING A CHORD SINCE 2010

- WHAT:** Music With A Mission (MWAM) – Music Kitchen
- WHEN:** Monday – March 11, 2018 – 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm
- WHERE:** The Midnight Mission, 601 S. San Pedro St., LA, CA 90014
- WHO:** **MUSIC KITCHEN** www.MusicKitchenNYC.org

Music Kitchen - *Food for the Soul* is a non-profit organization based in New York. They have been organizing and performing classical music concerts at soup kitchens and shelters in Manhattan since 2005. Once a year they visit The Midnight Mission to perform for our guests and participants during our Music With A Mission program.

Kelly Hall-Tompkins is a professional classical violinist from New York City. She was the winner of the Honorarium Prize in the 2003 Naumburg International Violin Competition and has been a soloist with several other professional orchestras. Kelly has also been a soloist in all three Halls at Carnegie, and her recitals, chamber music performances and CDs have been broadcast across the country and internationally on BBC World Service. She is a member of the Florida-based Ritz Chamber Players, Concertmaster of the Chamber Orchestra of New York and member of the New Jersey Symphony and has performed extensively with the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra and the New York Philharmonic.

- 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.