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### **MUSIC WITH A MISSION – STRIKING A CHORD SINCE 2010**

**WHAT:** Music With A Mission (MWAM)

**WHEN:** Thursday – October 17, 2019 - 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

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

**WHO:** **ANDY & RENEE** [www.andyandrenee.com](http://www.andyandrenee.com)

Andy Hill and Renee Safier have carved out a unique musical niche for themselves in the Los Angeles music scene and beyond. Their performances, more than two hundred a year, are as much social gathering as musical event. Part fan family reunion, part rock and roll tent revival, their incomparable live shows attract a large, enthusiastic and fiercely loyal group of fans. Both Andy & Renee are celebrated songwriters. Boundary-pushing use of the language, sweeping vocal harmonies, unforgettable melodic content, and tightly crafted arrangements are all hallmarks of their musical style. Andy & Renee have performed all over the world, including the Telluride Blues and Brews, Kerrville Folk Festivals, The Fringe at the Cork Jazz Festival in Ireland, the Bob Dylan Festival in Alba, Italy, as well as a performance at China's largest Folk Festival in Nanning, China. The duo's PBS Concert Special, filmed at the University of Colorado, was a Regional Emmy winner last year. Together, Andy & Renee have recorded 16 award-winning CDs and 3 DVDs, and are known for producing their annual "Dylanfest", an 8-hour concert featuring over 70 musicians. They create a unique musical experience you will want to experience again and again and share with your friends and family. This will be Andy's and Renee's 2<sup>nd</sup> visit to The Midnight Mission MWAM program and everyone is looking forward to their return.

**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](mailto: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](http://www.midnightmission.org).