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MUSIC WITH A MISSION – STRIKING A CHORD SINCE 2010

WHAT: Music With A Mission (MWAM) – Street Symphony’s *Darshan Trio, with Vijay Gupta*

WHEN: Thursday – September 28, 2023 – 2:00 pm to 3:00 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 its 97th visit. Street Symphony, directed by 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 is to harness the convening power of music to invite connection and relationship.

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.

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.