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MUSIC WITH A MISSION – STRIKING A CHORD SINCE 2010

WHAT: Music With A Mission (MWAM) – **MUSIC KITCHEN**

WHEN: **Friday** – February 2, 2024 – 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm

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

WHO: **MUSIC KITCHEN** www.MusicKitchenNYC.org

Founded in 2005 as the pioneer organization to bring top classical music artists in concert to homeless shelters and hailed in a New York Times feature article, “Just three blocks from Lincoln Center... the concerts have an air of authenticity and directness that sometimes does not exist in concert halls.” Music Kitchen – *Food for the Soul* has presented over 100 concerts, over 200 top emerging and established artists, including Emanuel Ax, Glenn Dicterow, Carter Brey, and Albrecht Mayer of the Berlin Philharmonic, and have reached over 30,000 homeless shelter clients coast to coast from New York to Los Angeles and including Paris, France. Music Kitchen was developed by Kelly Hall-Tompkins, a versatile violinist from New York City and a pioneer of social justice in classical music. Kelly believes “*that music reaches the core of our being and can play a vital role in nourishing hope, love, and strength.*” The Midnight Mission (TMM) is thrilled to welcome Music Kitchen back for their 4th visit.

WHY: The Midnight hosts Music With a Mission (MWAM) to entertain and inspire those living in 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.