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"In the long term, both residency and performance gave legitimacy and merit to our overall education goal. Because it was such a successful process with such an overwhelmingly positive outcome, it lends credibility to our continued efforts to expand our educational outreach. And, it should encourage continued giving to the theater.

The residency certainly made strong impact not only on the students, but also the faculty and staff. The reaction was so solidly affirming — even students who as a general rule don't speak up or engage were doing just that by the end of the residency sessions. The performance made a lasting impact on our patrons. It was thought provoking and not soon forgotten. This was a highly skilled style of musical storytelling, a unique departure from the ordinary, and it surpassed attendance expectation.

Guy Mendilow was not only a pleasure to work with, his process and product exceeded expectations. The ensemble was worldly, interesting and humble. Such a treat for us to have the opportunity to present.

— ERIN BUTLER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WYO THEATER, SHERIDAN, WY

"In my 27 years of hiring artists, I can truthfully say that Guy is one of the finest and most intelligent musicians I have ever encountered...[He is] a music educator with very high standards."

— ROBIN BAKER, CELEBRITY SERIES OF BOSTON, BOSTON, MA

The Guy Mendilow Ensemble delivers high caliber, pedagogically sound educational programs for diverse audiences.

Excellence in community engagement is vital to the mission of the Guy Mendilow Ensemble. With over twenty years of expertise as educators; as guest artist-lecturers in universities across the U.S. from Harvard University to the University of Washington; as residency leaders in schools on several continents; as ongoing artists-in-residence with leading performing arts organizations like Celebrity Series of Boston; and with recognition from leading cultural organizations like the National Endowment for the Arts for the strengthening of communities through the arts, Guy Mendilow Ensemble distinguishes itself for the quality and impact of its programs.

Here are a few of the packages you can put together for your community

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THE FORGOTTEN KINGDOM

• SHOW DESCRIPTION.....PG 1

The Forgotten Kingdom is "an evocative trek through former Ottoman lands, an allegory that ultimately begs some questions about ourselves today, and the ways these stories continue to play out, in a modern guise..." (Perceptive Travel). It's a story of the passing of an older age, whose ending begins with WWI and the collapse of the Ottoman Empire and concludes definitively with WWII. In this long-form production, intertwining music and storytelling conjure voices lost to war, rendering a nearly lost world with drama, humour and heart

LECTURES & MASTER CLASSES FOR UNIVERSITIES, ADULTS

SINGLE SESSION | 60-90 MINUTES | CLASS VISIT OR PUBLIC LECTURE | CONFIGURATION: TRIO OR QUINTET RELEVANT TO: HISTORY/CULTURAL STUDIES/ JUDAIC & MIDDLE-EASTERN STUDIES/GLOBAL STUDIES/MUSIC/ETHNOMUSICOLOGY

• MYTHS, LIES & TRUTHS: ROMANTICIZING TRADITIONAL CULTURES.....PG 2

What are the responsibilities of artists inspired to draw on traditional art forms? How can modern artists avoid become unwitting agents of appropriation and distortion? Through narration, live performance and field recordings, audiences explore the ways that traditional cultures like Sephardi communities can become so distorted that culture bearers can no longer live up to the outsider's expectations, with powerful implications for modern creatives.

• THE MIRROR OF STORY..... PG 3

SINGLE SESSION | 60-90 MINUTES | CLASS VISIT OR PUBLIC LECTURE | CONFIGURATION: TRIO OR QUINTET RELEVANT TO: HISTORY/CULTURAL STUDIES/ JUDAIC & MIDDLE-EASTERN STUDIES/GLOBAL STUDIES/MUSIC/ETHNOMUSICOLOGY

Some stories play out again and again, though the setting and characters change. Through narration and live performance, this talk examines the power of stories from a different age to resonate with contemporary dilemmas, asking: in what ways are we too caught up in eerily familiar stories?

FOR GRADES 5+

• SPRINGBOARD SONGWRITING/STORYTELLING RESIDENCIES.....PG 4

3-5 DAY RESIDENCY | 60-120 MINUTES PER SESSION | CLASS VISIT | IDEAL FOR GROUP SIZES OF UP TO 15 |

CONFIGURATION: SPRINGBOARD SONGWRITING TRIO

Springboard Songwriting/Storytelling residencies give participants tools they can use to make their stories speak more strongly.

• THE FORGOTTEN KINGDOM (FOR GRADES 5-6).....PG 5

SINGLE SESSION | 45-60 MINUTES | CLASS VISIT/YOUTH SERIES THEATRE PERFORMANCE/SCHOOL ASSEMBLY |

SUITABLE FOR GROUPS OF ANY SIZE THOUGH BEST FOR INTIMATE NUMBERS | CONFIGURATION: TRIO OR QUINTET

A version of the show designed especially for children ages 10-12

• SAILORS, SIRENS & KINGS: ADVENTURES OF LADINO SONG.....PG 5

SINGLE SESSION | 60-90 MINUTES | BEST SUITED FOR INTIMATE CLASS VISITS | IDEAL FOR GROUP

SIZES OF UP TO 40 | CONFIGURATION: TRIO OR QUINTET

Through story and song, this classroom program introduces students to the richness and history of Sephardic cultures from the former Ottoman Empire.

• CHORAL/STRING COLLABORATIONS (GRADES 7+).....PG 5

1-3 DAY PROGRAM | 60-90 MINUTES | CLASS VISIT | TAILORED FOR CHORAL/STRING GROUPS |

CONFIGURATION: TRIO OR QUINTET

With choral and string specialists in the Ensemble, tailored collaborations with community and professional choirs and string groups are an excellent way to forge connections and expand musical horizons.

FOR KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 4

• AROUND THE WORLD IN SONG!.....PG 6

SINGLE SESSION | 45-60 MINUTES | CLASS VISIT/YOUTH SERIES THEATRE PERFORMANCE/SCHOOL ASSEMBLY |

SUITABLE FOR GROUPS OF ANY SIZE | CONFIGURATION: TRIO OR QUINTET

Not a song goes by without deeply musical, meaningful interaction in this exhilarating, pedagogically sound international tour-de-force for children

• MOVE THE MUSIC.....PG 6

1-5 DAYS | 45-60 MINUTES | CLASS VISIT | GROUP SIZE: UP TO 15 | CONFIGURATION: SOLO

Exciting experiential games nurture children's musicality and confidence in their own musical intuition. Discovery, active listening and a spirit of play abound as children learn vital musical concepts by using their bodies as the principal instrument.

ABOUT GUY MENDILOW ENSEMBLE

"An international tour de force" (Bethlehem Morning Call) from the Middle East, South and North America, the Guy Mendilow Ensemble transports audiences to the long-ago-and-far-away...to hold a mirror for our own here-and-now. The world-class ensemble combines evocative storytelling with emotionally captivating music in shows that "explode with artistry, refinement, and excitement" (Hebrew Union College), conjuring voices lost to war and upheaval, whisking audiences to distant times and picturesque places and, ultimately, stirring highly resonant, deeply moving connections to contemporary struggles and dilemmas.

The National Endowment for the Arts recognized the Guy Mendilow Ensemble for the creation of art that meets the highest standards of excellence, public engagement with diverse and excellent art and the strengthening of communities through the arts. The Guy Mendilow Ensemble tours four shows: The Forgotten Kingdom; Heart of the Holidays — A Global Celebration in Song; Three Sides to Every Story; and Around the World in Song family concerts. Distinguished educators, the ensemble specializes in community engagement including tailor-made residencies, choral/string programs and a breadth of interactive workshops. The Ensemble is a collaborative artist-in-residence with Celebrity Series of Boston since 2014.

Alongside touring with the Guy Mendilow Ensemble, members are on the faculty of music schools like the Swarnabhoomi Academy of Music in India and tour/record with the likes of Bobby McFerrin, Yo Yo Ma, Snarky Puppy, the Assad Brothers, Christian McBride, the Video Game Orchestra, Amanda Palmer and Simon Shaheen. Formed in 2004, the Ensemble is based in Boston, MA and New York, NY, USA.



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