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The Rescue of Bulgarian Jewry during WWII

The program and exhibition will present little known historical facts, which explain the chain of events that, via the humanistic efforts of the Orthodox Church and the common people of Bulgaria, led to some 48,000 Bulgarian Jews being rescued from deportation to the Nazi death camps.

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Violinist Emanuela Nikiforova has gathered eclectic musical influences during her studies in Bulgaria, at the International Menuhin Music Academy in Switzerland, as well as her residency in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and studies in Louisiana State University and the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. She has concertized internationally as a recitalist and a principal violinist of Camerata Lysy, Gstaadt, and recorded for Bulgarian TV, the labels Revista Classica (Argentina) and Claves (Switzerland). Currently Emanuela is a member of 5 Bay Area Symphony orchestras, violin instructor at The Renaissance International School in Oakland, and artistic director of Antika Slavic Strings-a formation that celebrates the togetherness of the Slavic cultures and the deep relationships between Classical and Folklore music.



Violist Ivo Bokulić: Born in Croatia, raised in Chicago, based in San Francisco, violist **Ivo Bokulić** is an active freelance musician in the Bay Area and beyond, performing with groups such as the Reno Philharmonic, San José Chamber Orchestra, Merced Symphony, Music in the Mountains, Stanford Philharmonia, and Opera Parallèle. As member of San Francisco's Magik*Magik Orchestra, Ivo has toured, recorded, and performed with acts such as Death Cab for Cutie, Sting, Chicago, and Third Eye Blind. He holds both B.M. and M.M. degrees from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, where he studied with Jodi Levitz. He plays on a viola made in 1999 by Hiroshi Iizuka.

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Violoncellist Susanna Porte: Born and raised near Boston, **Susanna Porte** holds a B.Mus. in Violoncello Performance from Oberlin Conservatory, a B.A. with Honors in Russian from Oberlin College, and a Teaching Certificate in Music from Carnegie-Mellon University. She has been a member of the Newton and Lexington Symphonies in Massachusetts and was a co-founder of the Cello Chix, an electric-cello-and-drums band featuring Susanna's arrangements of classic rock, jazz and Latin tunes. The Chix played to critical acclaim at dive bars in the Boston area and in 2008 produced a CD, "Under the Covers." Since 2011 Susanna has resided in Berkeley, where she freelances as a cellist, music arranger, Russian tutor and proofreader. Her new band, the Giggles, is a cello-keyboard-drum trio that offers arrangements of pop tunes, movie and TV themes, and children's songs. Susanna is also currently pursuing a B.A. in Jazz Studies at the California Jazz Conservatory.



Violinist Claire-Jeanne Martin started her violin studies at the age of six, and received her Bachelor of Music degree with academic honors from the North Carolina School of the Arts. There she served as Teaching Assistant to both violin faculty Elaine Richey and Steven Shipp. Awarded the Gianini Scholarship, she performed numerous solos and recitals, and in master classes for such artists as Isaac Stern and Franco Gulli. Although offered a full scholarship to study with Jaime Laredo at St Louis Conservatory, and invited to Oxford to study with Kato Havas, she chose to pursue her graduate studies with Alice Schoenfeld at the University of Southern California, awarded an Assistant Lecturer Fellowship. After receiving the USC Symphony Award for her concertmaster solos, and graduating with a Master of Music degree, she left California to freelance as a violinist and violist in Philadelphia.

Welcoming Remarks by:

Antonia Lavine

President, National Council of Jewish Women San Francisco

Marin Dimitrov

Consul General of the Republic of Bulgaria in Los Angeles

David Goodstone

*Director of Public Affairs,
Consulate General of Israel for the Pacific Northwest*

Speakers:

Varban Todorov, PhD.

*Associated Professor, Vice President,
Bulgarian Archive State Agency*

David Levy

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THE EXHIBITION WILL BE DISPLAYED
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at

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1250 Quintara Street, SF, between 21st and 22nd Avenue

Monday-Thursday 10am-4pm, Friday 10am-3pm