



GIL SHAHAM with The Festival Orchestra

Saturday, Feb 23 · 8pmScottsdale Center for the Performing Arts

Sunday, Feb 24 · 3pm
La Casa de Cristo Church, N. Scottsdale

A Special Concert Featuring Recovered Violins of the Holocaust

Ludwig van Beethoven Leonore Overture

Gustav Mahler Totenfeier

John Williams Theme from Schindler's List

Allan Naplan Schlof Main Kind, A Yiddish Lullaby

Johannes Brahms Violin Concerto, op 77

With a pre-concert talk by Amnon Weinstein, Israeli luthier and Founder of Violins of Hope







Violins of Hope is a project of the Jewish Federation of Greater Phoenix. It is a community collaboration of music, education and exhibition featuring violins of the Holocaust.



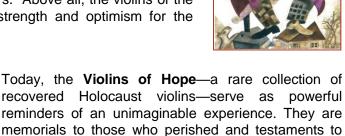
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The violin has formed an important aspect of Jewish culture for centuries, both as a popular instrument with Jewish classical musicians and as a

central part of social life, as in the Klezmer tradition.

But during the Holocaust, the violin assumed extraordinary roles within the Jewish community. For some musicians, the instrument was a liberator; for others, it was a savior that spared their lives. For many, the violin provided comfort in mankind's darkest hour, and in at least one case, a violin helped avenge murdered family members. Above all, the violins of the Holocaust represented strength and optimism for the future.



In this spirit, renowned Israeli violinmaker Amnon Weinstein has devoted the past twenty years to restoring the violins of the Holocaust as a tribute to those who were lost.*

(*Excerpted from the book Violins of Hope, by James A. Grymes)

Arizona Musicfest is deeply honored to showcase the Violins of Hope in three special concert programs in February 2019. The first two programs will feature The Festival Orchestra—an ensemble comprised of musicians from the nation's finest orchestras—performing significant works that resonate with the themes and history of the Holocaust. World renowned violinist Gil Shaham joins the Orchestra as guest soloist.

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The third concert—a chamber concert—honors the legacy of Holocaust musicians through music and stories.



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