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Stars of the Entertainment Stage At the Minneapolis IAYC Conference

Lovers of Yiddish and Jewish music are in for a real treat at the upcoming conference of the IAYC in Minneapolis June 2 – 5, 2005. There will be performances every night of the conference.

MAGGIE BURTON is well known to local audiences for her interpretations of Yiddish songs. She is a cantorial soloist who has performed as a soloist with the University Opera Theater, Bach Society of Minnesota, St. John/St. Benedicts choirs, Kantorei, and Shira Chorale.

Russian vocalist **SIMA SHUMILOVSKY** came to the United States from Odessa in 1978 and was the top vocalist with a large touring and nightclub orchestra. She has sung with most of the top Klezmer bands in the upper Midwest and has appeared on the nationally broadcast *Prairie Home Companion*. She has been a pioneer for Russian music in the Twin Cities. She sings in English, Russian, and Yiddish.

The **SIM SHALOM KLEZMER BAND**, featuring **DAVID HABERMAN**, trumpeter and coronetist, specializes in music for rejoicing and celebrating all that is wonderful in Jewish life. The band has been a performance-based group that thrives on interaction between musicians and audience – venues from weddings, to b'nai mitzvah, to folk festivals.

The musical offerings will also include the local **PRAIRIE HEYM KLEZMORIM**, created by **MARTY DWORKIN** and featuring vocalist **AMY OLSON** who have a rendition of *Minnesota, Minnesota* that rivals the classic *Romania*. And it wouldn't be an IAYC function

without **MITCH SMOLKIN'S CABARET**—starring **AMANDA SEIGEL**, vocalist, back from New York, and **MARTY GREEN**, composer and pianist—a hit in Baltimore.

As a special treat, **FELIX FIBICH**, Master Jewish Dancer, will participate in the conference. Mr. Fibich brings a wealth of experience from the training he received initially in Warsaw from the Yung Teater and later from his partner and wife, Judith Berg (who performed in the Polish film version of *The Dybbuk*). Fibich escaped from the Warsaw Ghetto and made his way to the US in 1950. He has danced, and taught, and choreographed all over the world. He performed in the NY Second Avenue Theater, and on Broadway. During his extraordinary career he has given recent master classes at KlezKamp, performed in Copenhagen on his 83d birthday, and appeared in Superbowl commercials. It is an honor to have him at our conference. □

The Ninth IAYC Conference will be held from Thurs., June 2nd to Sun., June 5th, 2005 in beautiful Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The Minneapolis Yiddish Vinkl co-chair, Roz Baker is coordinating the conference. Roz can be reached at: 612-377-5456 or the Publicity chair, Annalee Odessky at: annalee@mn.rr.com or 952-544-5423.

Greater Milwaukee/Chicago area attendees can travel by a chartered Greyhound bus roundtrip for only \$100. Contact Paul Melrood at: 414-961-1715 or e-mail majpaulww2@sbcglobal.net