



# A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF THE IPO FOUNDATION

## and what a year it was!

### THE IPO'S FINAL CONCERT BEFORE LOCKDOWN

03 2020

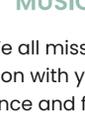
On March 11, 2020 the IPO was scheduled to perform a subscription concert. Moments before 8PM, we received notification from the Government prohibiting large gatherings. The audience was forced to leave but our musicians stayed on stage, performed before an empty hall and the concert was live streamed. This was the last concert before the Israel Philharmonic had to leave the stage for the longest period in its 84-year history.



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### PLAYLISTS BY IPO MUSICIANS

We all missed the connection with you, our audience and friends. Therefore, we turned to the IPO musicians, who happily prepare personal playlists for you, enabling a glimpse into their lives and musical preferences.

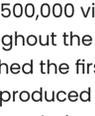


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05 2020

### LAUNCH OF THE IPO'S URGENCY FUND

For the first time, Passover was celebrated away from family and friends. Confusion and uncertainty gripped us all. The IPO Foundation received a moving phone call from Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Philanthropies whose generous lead donation to the Urgency Fund helped our fundraising efforts enormously. An outpour of support followed from Israel and all corners of the globe.



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06 2020

### VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL GALA

Over 500,000 viewers throughout the world watched the first virtual gala produced by the IPO Foundation and AFIPO. The exciting event was hosted by Academy Award-winning actress Dame Helen Mirren and starred by IPO Music Director Lahav Shani, the Israel Philharmonic's musicians and world-renowned conductors and soloists. The event was made possible thanks to the extraordinary contribution of Aneta Nacht in memory of her beloved husband, the late Leon Nacht z"l.

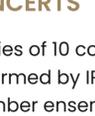


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07 2020

### CONCERT BROADCASTS IN NURSING HOMES AND SENIOR CITIZEN RESIDENCES

Our hearts went out to the senior citizens in nursing homes and residences, and on the eve of Passover, the IPO Foundation sent for the first time a recorded IPO concert to more than 100 nursing homes and senior citizen residences all over Israel. And since then, over 100,000 senior citizens have enjoyed IPO concerts on a regular basis.



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08 2020

### THE IPO ONLINE CHAMBER CONCERTS

A series of 10 concerts performed by IPO chamber ensembles was recorded and broadcast worldwide thanks to the generous support of the IPO Foundation's friends, Susie and Dan Propper.



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### CHAMBER CONCERTS FOR HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

On the eve of Rosh Hashanah 5741 and the second lockdown, the IPO Foundation, in cooperation with the JOINT, initiated concerts by IPO chamber ensembles in 14 community centers for Holocaust survivors from Nahariya to Beer Sheva.



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09 2020

### PERFORMANCE FOR CHILDREN OF DOCTORS, NURSES AND STAFF MEMBERS OF ICHILOV HOSPITAL

With deep appreciation and gratitude to the extraordinary work through the pandemic, the IPO musicians gave a special performance for the children of the medical staff at Ichilov Hospital.



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10 2020

### DEDICATE A MUSICIAN'S CHAIR

As its musicians are at the core of the Israel Philharmonic, the heart of the IPO's Urgency Fund is the Musician's Chair initiative. Over the past few months, the orchestra's friends in Israel and throughout the world have dedicated over 50 musicians' chairs for the next five years, granting the orchestra a much-needed multi-year base of support.



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11 2020

### VIRTUAL PRE-HANUKKAH CELEBRATION

On December 6, 2020, 350,000 viewers watched the second international virtual gala presented by the IPO Foundation and AFIPO. The orchestra celebrated Oscar and Grammy Award-winning film composer Hans Zimmer, together with IPO Music Director Lahav Shani, IPO musicians, Bette Midler and the star of "Fauda", Rona-Lee Shimon.



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### KEEPING IN TOUCH

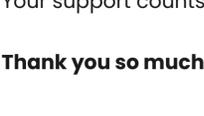
Almost one year since the beginning of the pandemic, we have already sent you over 280,000 emails with concerts, playlists, movies and holiday songs. We so enjoy keeping in touch with you during these challenging months and we will continue to do so!



02 2021

### VIRTUAL TOUR OF BRONFMAN AUDITORIUM AND LOWY CONCERT HALL

Since you could not visit our beautiful Auditorium, we decided to bring it to you with a "behind the scenes" tour guided by IPO musicians Yigal Meltzer, Sharon Cohen and Assaf Maoz.



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03 2021

### Welcome home, audience!



Although only 500 people are allowed in our 2500-seat hall, the Israel Philharmonic returned to the stage full of hope and optimism. Under the baton of Maestro Lahav Shani, in his first year as the orchestra's Music Director, the energy during the wonderful concerts is heartwarming.

We still don't know what the future holds and the only substantial income for the IPO at the moment is your generous support for which we wholeheartedly thank you.

Please continue to stand by our great orchestra in these challenging times and help ensure the IPO's future with a donation to the Urgency Fund (link below).

Your support counts. Now, more than ever before.

**Thank you so much – we can't wait to have you with us!**