

Newton Festival of the Arts, Spring 2018

NIGUN CHAMBER ENSEMBLE Yelena Neplok, Artistic Director

Saturday, June 23, 2018, 7:30 p.m. Newton Cultural Center at City Hall 1000 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton, MA 02459

The Art of Jewish Music

A unique blend of Jewish folk songs in Yiddish and Hebrew, Popular Jewish traditional instrumental music, and pieces by Mendelssohn, Achron, Bloch, Weiner, Gershwin, Bernstein.

The critically acclaimed, award-winning Nigun Chamber Ensemble has been enthusiastically received in numerous international music festivals and concerts in many of the most prestigious Russian and American music halls, and has been featured on national radio and television broadcasts in Russia and in the US. Nigun's interpretation of folk music, classical music, and art song has impressed audiences and achieved great critical acclaim.

"All pieces that formed the ensemble's programs were of phenomenal high art." *Vestnik* Magazine "Yelena Neplok and her colleagues bring to the people culture of highest quality." *Forward*, New York "The Nigun Ensemble has become one of the most original outlets for Jewish Folk Music in the Bay State." *Jewish Advocate*, Boston

> Yelena Neplok, Artistic Director, piano Heather Gallagher, mezzo-soprano Sargis Karapetyan, violin Cynthia Forbes, cello Chester Brezniak, clarinet

> > Refreshments

Admission: \$25, \$15 seniors & students, \$45 sponsors Tickets available at <u>www.newtoncommunitypride.org/festival</u> <u>www.centermakor.org</u> or at the door

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