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Leo Baeck Education Center Youth Orchestra (Big Band)

The Leo Baeck Education Center Youth Orchestra (Big Band) includes high-school musicians under the musical direction of their professional conductor, Mr. David (Dudi) Sofer. The orchestra began approximately 10 years ago, and Mr. Sofer has been their conductor and arranger for the last 6 years. The big band is composed of a rhythm section (drums, bass, electric guitar and keyboard), a cellist, saxophones, clarinets, flutes, violins, trumpets, and singers.



Twin cities concert Mannheim, March 2012

The students volunteer their time, and rehearsals are conducted after school hours and even during holidays. The orchestra repertoire consists of Israeli music, ethnic Jewish music, along with some jazz and classical pop.

In Israel they perform at school concerts, Memorial Days, holiday events for Holocaust survivors, "Make a Wish" benefit fundraisers, etc.

In March 2012, the orchestra toured in Germany with great success, performing at the "Twin Cities Concert" in Mannheim, and at schools in Mannheim, Darmstadt and Frankfurt. In previous years, they performed several times along with the "Geschwister Scholl" Orchestra in Dusseldorf.

In December 2013, the orchestra was invited to Ireland by the Dublin Jewish Progressive Congregation where they performed at a number of schools, for the Jewish community, at an Interfaith Concert, and at the Israeli Embassy Hannuka Celebration.

In December 2014, the orchestra was invited by the Mannheim Municipality to perform at the Reiss-Engelhorn Museum. They then travelled to Darmstadt as guests of the "Edith Stein School", to hold joint musical workshops, Israeli-German cultural study sessions, all culminating in a joint Christmas concert for the community.

We believe that bringing both youth and people of all ages together through music can build lifelong bridges, connections and lasting friendships.



Interfaith church concert, Dublin Ireland, December

We are now planning performances for the orchestra in London in March 2016.

For further information and to schedule a performance in your community contact:

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School concert in Frankfurt, March 2012