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Jazz at the Ballroom presents “My Ordinary Family”
Helping the other ordinary families in Ukraine

SAN FRANCISCO (MARCH 6, 2022) – On March 25 and 31, 2022, non-profit Jazz at the Ballroom (JATB) comes to Skirball Cultural Center in Los Angeles and Piedmont Piano Company in the Bay Area with concerts to raise money for humanitarian efforts in Ukraine.

My Ordinary Family sets to music the true story of August Paszkudzki, an ardent American jazz lover who grew up in Lwów (now Lviv) in the 1930s. August’s family risked their own lives to hide eight Jews from the Nazis during World War Two. One of the protected Jews, Renata Stam, ultimately became August’s wife. After his death in 1987, August was awarded Israel’s prestigious "Righteous Among the Nations” medal.

“Knowing that Lviv is under siege once again,” says JATB Executive Director, Suzanne Waldowski, “we wanted to do something meaningful and unique to the beautiful city that could also raise money for the humanitarian crisis currently unfolding there.”

The concert is performed by the August’s grandson, well-known jazz pianist Konrad Paszkudzki, with his trio and vocalists Samara Joy, Olivia Chindamo, and jazz legend Carmen Bradford. The band shares a collection of songs of the 1930s – 1940s. These songs topped the charts and played on radios throughout Central Europe until Nazis outlawed the music.

100% of the proceeds from the concert will go to the International Committee of the Red Cross in Ukraine, an organization that is working tirelessly to help families displaced and affected by the recent Russian invasion.

Tickets are available at www.jazzattheballroom.com. For all other ticket-related customer service inquiries, call the Jazz at the Ballroom at (917) 725-2400 or email info@jazzattheballroom.com.

About Jazz at the Ballroom

Jazz at the Ballroom is a California-based non-profit that celebrates America’s truly original music – classic jazz and the American Songbook. They are dedicated to showcasing the greatest musicians in unique settings. Through their concerts, scholarship program, workshops, and performances at schools, senior living centers, and hospitals, JATB works to enhance the appreciation of the Songbook in the larger community. For more information: www.jazzattheballroom.com Facebook: [jazzattheballroom](https://www.facebook.com/jazzattheballroom) Instagram: [@jazzattheballroom](https://www.instagram.com/jazzattheballroom)

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