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### **The Emperor of Atlantis** The Opera from Terezin Concentration Camp

### By Victor Ullmann Libretto: Peter Kien

### Heichal Hatarbut Karmiel Sun, April 8<sup>th</sup> 20:30

#### Tel Aviv Museum of Art Thu, April 12<sup>th</sup> 20:00 (Holocaust Day)

Half of the income on each ticket will be donated to The Foundation for the Benefit of Holocaust Victims in Israel

Pre-concert lecture about Music and Art at Theresienstadt on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 18:30 by Prof. Gad Kanyar



Adrian Sylveen, Conductor Connecticut Lyric Opera and Vienna-Tel Aviv Vocal Connection Soloists: Samuel Berlad, Erik Rousi, Daniel Kamalic, Jurate Svedaite, Steve Fredericks, Ayelet Amotz-Avramson Israel Chamber Orchestra

#### In collaboration with Mifal Hapais Sponsered by The Promotion of Jewish Theater Institutions

The Emperor of Atlantis is at once a bitter satire on militarism and a disquieting meditation on what life might be like if mankind were unable to die. When Emperor Uberall orders total war, Death, appaled, goes on strike but is persuaded to return when humanity finds the prospect of endless life unendurable. The opera, which was written in 1942, was intended to be performed in the Terezin Concentration Camp but the Nazi authorities interpreted the work's depiction of the character of the Kaiser as a satire of Adolf Hitler and did not allow it to be performed. Both the composer and the librettist died in Auschwitz.

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