

### **Group 11**

Founded in 1972, Group 11 has been in the forefront of protecting human rights for 50 years. We accomplish our mission by writing letters and postcards; signing petitions; tabling at Grand Central Station, street fairs, and other events; contacting members of Congress and Federal agencies; and presenting our positions to foreign government missions in New York and Washington. For more information visit our website: [aiusagroup11.org](http://aiusagroup11.org)

### **Entertainment**

Mischa Kischkum originated the role of evil Mr. Potter in an antique wheelchair in the first national tour of “It’s A Wonderful Life: the Musical”. He’s toured Asia with Marie Osmond, worked opposite Eartha Kitt, and played Dr. Diaz opposite Matt Besser on Upright Citizens Brigade (Comedy Central). Find him as “getmisch” on Twitter, TikTok, Facebook, Instagram, and Gmail.

### **Video of Ukrainian Anthem**

On March 25, 2022, after the horrific slaughter of Mariupol by the Russian invading army, composer Andrew Lawrence-King wrote a poignant arrangement of the Ukrainian anthem, which he called *Lament for Mariupol*. Claude Lévy performed this piece in a concert given in June 2022 in Morningside Gardens, with his community choir CantaNYC, pianist Mark Fiedler, and other singers, including some who sang the *Human Rights* piece in 2019 for Group 11 benefit concert. The concert was recorded by videographer Jay Scala.

# **Amnesty International USA Group 11**

*50th Anniversary  
Celebration!*



**October 25, 2022  
7pm—9pm**

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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Thank you to all who helped make this special evening possible:

Vincent Amari	Anna Procyk
Lenore Beaky	Juliette Schultz
CantaNYC Choir	Todd Schwarz
Ella Chang	Harry Schwartz
Sue Dicker	Helaine Shlasko
Ike Dimitriadis	Martha Spital
Claude Lévy	Alyce Stark
John Lipsett	Deirdre Stieglitz
George McMullen	Chris Szurgot
Sandi McMullen	

## SPECIAL THANKS

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Paul O'Brien, AIUSA Executive Director and Alexandra Durbak, AIUSA Board Chair, for their support and leadership.

Mischa Kischkum for providing his musical talents, making this evening special.

Eva Rivas and all the staff and volunteers at The Bernie Wohl Center, Goddard Riverside for all of their patience and support.

Ruth Baron, who served as Group 11's secretary, and preserved Group 11's letters and documents for decades, which are now stored at The Columbia University Libraries.

## PROGRAM

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Welcome

Remarks from Paul O'Brien, AIUSA Executive Director & Alexandra Durbak, AIUSA Board Chair (Video)

The beginnings Group 11, started by Yadja Zeltman

Highlight Group 11's work & POC cases:

Liu Gang (China) 1989-1996

Ahmad Batebi (Iran) 1999-2005

Troy Davis (USA) 2007-2011

Teodora del Carmen Vásquez (El Salvador) 2016-2018

*Two Worlds, One Idea*—correspondence between Zinovij Krasivskyj & Group 11 member Iris Akahoshi (1977-1989)

Video of *Ukrainian Anthem* performed by CantaNYC Choir, directed by Claude Lévy

Group 11 Concerts: Carl Schachter, Janice Meyerson & Marcia Eckert

Honoring Steve Abrams

Honoring Group 11 Members

Music performed by Mischa Kischkum