

Concert to Honor The Holy Land

Carnegie Hall has been host to many special events and some of the biggest acts in the entertainment business. The nation of Israel will take center stage at the world-famous venue Thursday night during "Honoring Israel at Carnegie Hall," hosted by renowned pianist Dino Kartsonakis and his wife, Cheryl.

Other performers will include: Grammy and Dove Award-winning Christian artists Sandi Patty and Larnelle Harris, the Philadelphia Boys Choir, Denver and the Mile High Orchestra, operatic tenor Daniel Rodriguez and the Christian Cultural Center Chorale.

The Kartsonakis' have made it a priority in their lives and the influence of their careers to work toward peace for Israel.

"Anti-Semitism is on the rise, and Israel is now surrounded by nations committed to her destruction," Dino Kartsonakis said in a news release. "My friends, it is vital that we stand together.

"This is a very special moment as this amazing group of people comes together to honor Israel. In this hour of our history, it is essential that we [are] united around our shared values."

Robert Stearns, founder of Eagles' Wings and a leader in Jewish-Christian relations, said the evening will be an historic one.

"The evening of music and celebration in the historic Carnegie Hall is a statement of support, friendship and commitment," Stearns said. "We hope to make it clear that our bond with

Israel is stronger than ever.”

Proceeds from the event will go to feed hungry Jews, Arabs and Druze in Israel through the humanitarian nonprofit organization, Hope for Zion.

Harris has made four trips to Israel, which inspired his hymn, “I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked.”

“That song always brings me to tears. I remember being in the Garden of Gethsemane on one visit to the Holy Land and being struck by the fact that I was standing in one of the last areas that Jesus stood before He was taken to be crucified,” Harris told .