

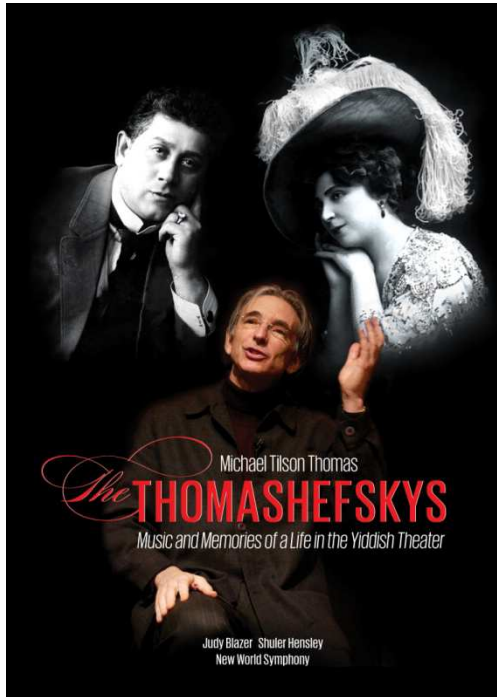
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# MICHAEL TILSON THOMAS: THE THOMASHEFSKYS

*The legendary composer presents life in the Yiddish theater*

- Broadcast premiere on PBS on March 29, 2012
- Written and hosted by Grammy® and Peabody Award-winning Michael Tilson Thomas, Founder and Artistic Director of the New World Symphony and the Thomashefskys' grandson.
- Favorable coverage from top-tier press includes *New York Magazine*, *LA Times*, and *The New York Times* ("Michael Tilson Thomas is a great raconteur.")
- The show was presented in New York at Carnegie Hall, as well as in San Francisco, Chicago, Miami, and Los Angeles.
- Combines scripts, song lyrics, articles from the Yiddish press, memoirs, correspondence and audio recordings, translated into English for the first time
- Release will include a collectible 16-page booklet, as well as full performances of several songs and an extended interview with Michael Tilson Thomas.
- Grassroots outreach to target Jewish heritage organizations and museums, as well as fans of theater, in particular klezmer music



**SYNOPSIS** Founding members of the Yiddish Theatre in America, the Thomashefskys owned theatres, published their own magazine, wrote columns in the popular Yiddish newspapers, sponsored and encouraged generations of young artists, brought countless Yiddish artists to America, tirelessly raised funds for progressive social causes and, through it all, were adventurous trendsetters. This story, reclaimed by the Thomashefsky Project, presents a musical sound that few have heard, assimilating Eastern European klezmer and cantorial modes with American tones and rhythms. Over time, as the Jewish American music theater writers became absorbed in their new surroundings, they greatly influenced the American Songbook.

## PRODUCT INFORMATION

**DVD FEATURES:** Collectible, illustrated 16-page booklet; Extended song performances; Interview with Michael Tilson Thomas

**SRP:** \$29.95 U.S. \$34.95 CAN

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**PACKAGING:** Single Amaray

**LENGTH:** Approx. 82 mins + extras

**GENRE:** Documentary

**YEAR:** 2011

**LANGUAGE:** English

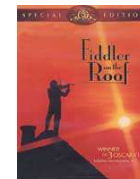
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