



YOUNG EURO CLASSIC

MEDIA INFORMATION

Young Euro Classic 2013: Programme launch and ticket sales start on Thursday 11 April/The world's best youth orchestras perform in Berlin from 26 July – 11 August

Berlin, 9 April- Classical music, unusual sonic experiences, young musicians from all over the world and an enthusiastic audience – the 14th Young Euro Classic festival is being held from 26 July until 11 August: Tomorrow's musicians today! The programme is due to be published on 11 April, launching ticket sales for this year's event.

More than 1,300 outstanding upcoming musicians, renowned conductors and prize-winning soloists head for the Konzerthaus and over the course of 17 days and in more than 30 concerts turn the city into the capital of young music from all over the world: Latin America, Australia, Asia and Europe are all represented – with performances of both familiar and surprising music, with European classical music, contemporary works and compositions from various nations. The festival opens with the **Youth Orchestra of the National University of Mexico** performing works by Beethoven alongside Latin American rhythms: with the orchestral suite "The Night of the Mayas" by the Mexican composer Revueltas. And of course, musicians from the Brazilian **São Paulo State Youth Orchestra** are also bringing Latin American flavour to the festival, with music and rhythms sure to have feet twitching. As part of the **Young Euro Classic Music-Dance** section of the festival, young dancers from John Neumeier's National Youth Ballet and scholarship winners from the Heidelberg Spring Festival Academy unite to perform a joint programme based on folksongs from seven countries.

Young Euro Classic begins with Latin America and ends with Europe: The **European Union Youth Orchestra (EUYO)** is among the world's best youth orchestras. There are also many other top European orchestras performing in the meantime: from **Hungary, Austria, Poland, Italy, Britain, Norway and Germany**.

The **Young Philharmonic Orchestra Jerusalem Weimar** unites young artists from Israel and Germany and promises to be a thrilling musical encounter. And the **Arab Youth Philharmonic Orchestra** also promises to cause a small-scale musical and political sensation: young men and women (!) from 10 Arab nations performing together - musicians from, Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Libya, the Palestinian territories, Syria and Tunisia.

Sundays during the festival are brimful of music: On 28 July, the **Young Euro Classic Prize Winners Festival** takes place for the first time with award-winning young soloists and ensembles poised at the start of what are likely to be great musical careers. Performers will include winners of this year's Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy Conservatory Competition – and in the evening, the **Schleswig-Holstein Festival Choir** performing Carl Orff's highly-charged "Carmina Burana". The **Young Euro Classic Piano Festival** has emerged as one of the big crowd-pullers in past years. On Sunday 4 August, five winners of international piano competitions perform five solo recitals.

Asia has always traditionally featured at Young Euro Classic. But for the first time this year an orchestra from Thailand will be in attendance – the **Siam Sinfonietta**. The ensemble aims to captivate not only with traditional Thai instruments and sounds, but also with performances of European classical music. And the **Australian Youth Orchestra**, which already made a great impression on audiences at Young Euro Classic 2007, performs this year with an especially well-known artist: Grammy-award winning violinist Joshua Bell, under the baton of maestro Christoph Eschenbach.

All tickets are available at the single price of 16 Euros: on sale at all box offices, at www.young-euro-classic.de/tickets or via the hotline 030-8410 8909. Other ticket offices can be found at the Berlin Konzerthaus direct, or at the Dussmann store.

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