

Luna Classics unveils its programme

Saint-Prex, May 14, 2014 – The 9th edition of the **Luna Classics** takes place in the square at **Château de Nyon August 19-31, 2014**. The Festival today unveils its programme, with **17 concerts to be staged over 13 days**. Ever faithful to its original goals, the **Luna Classics** aims for excellence with a highly quality programme mixing great names from opera, classical music, dance, jazz and the cinema, within the unique artistic configurations that are the DNA of the Festival. Promising young talents will also figure prominently.

From the 19th to the 31st of August, 2014, 13 concerts will take place in the square of the Château de Nyon on the LUNA stage. This innovate, high-tech setting, especially conceived by the EPFL, is the Festival's emblem. To guarantee the Festival's continuing development and assure its future, Luna Classics decided to leave Saint-Prex, where it was born, for Nyon, the 'festival city', with the aim of opening up new horizons. The Festival maintains the high standard of its past programmes. The leading artists invited to the 2014 edition are singers **Dee Dee Bridgewater** and **Ruggero Raimondi**, violinists **Maxim Vengerov**, **Julian Rachlin**, **Nigel Kennedy** and **Jean-Luc Ponty**, pianists **Menahem Pressler**, **Fazil Say**, **Yuja Wang** and **Nelson Goerner**, cellist **Gautier Capuçon**, jazzman **Gary Burton**, actor **John Malkovich** as well as dancers **Steven McRae**, **Hervé Moreau** and **Stéphane Bullion**. Particularly promising young artists from the region will join this prestigious line-up.

The trademark of the Luna Classics is the great, unprecedented musical 'encounters' initiated by the Festival. Top-ranking performers agree to cross the borders of their preferred domain for an artistic dialogue with peers from different disciplines. We wait impatiently for one of the great such encounters for 2014 when classical dancer Steven McRae will reveal another facet of his talent – tap dancing – accompanied at the piano by Yuja Wang and by the percussion of Martin Grubinger. Cellist Gautier Capuçon, a veritable mascot of the Festival, will make Paris Opera stars Hervé Moreau and Stéphane Bullion vibrate in original choreographies, including an exclusive solo conceived by Benjamin Millepied, new director of the Paris Opera Ballet. Two of the most beautiful and celebrated voices of the last 40 years, Dee Dee Bridgewater and Ruggero Raimondi, come together in an explosive (**détonnant ou détonant??**) programme, mixing jazz, opera and popular songs. No one will want to miss the exclusive pairing of two of the most important violinists of our times, Nigel Kennedy and Jean-Luc Ponty. Finally, actor John Malkovich, greatly applauded last year, returns with a new project, accompanied by violinist Julian Rachlin.

But there is much more to the Luna Classics : the Festival continues the series of **great piano recitals** begun two years ago. The 2014 edition is particularly rich in this

regard since it will have Menahem Pressler and Fazil Say to listen to. The violin will also play its part, with a recital by Maxim Vengerov, who celebrates his 40th birthday the day of his concert ! Equally of note, for the first time this year, there will be a **soirée 100% jazz**, with Gary Burton and the Dizzy Gillespie Afro-Cuban Experience, two giants in the history of jazz, who between them have won 15 Grammy Awards, a shower of stars beneath the Luna (Moon).

But the Luna Classics would not really be the Luna Classics without the concerts that give the young talents from the region the chance to shine, under the kindly tutelage of experienced mentors. What can be more exciting for the public than to discover those who will perhaps be the stars of tomorrow. This particularly magnificent line-up for 2014 is completed by a rich range of free events in the **festival off**.

Now, that is the Luna Classics !

The programme will be available on www.luna-classics.com starting May 15, 2014 and the ticket office will be open on www.ticketcorner.ch at the same date.

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