



Press Release

VERBIER FESTIVAL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA TO MAKE GCC DEBUT AT DUBAI OPERA

Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 24 September 2017 – The world-famous Verbier Festival Chamber Orchestra will make its grand GCC debut when it takes to the stage at Dubai Opera for one dazzling performance on Wednesday, 4th April 2018, it has today been announced. Tickets will go on sale at midday on Wednesday, 27th September, with prices starting at just AED250.

Founded in 2005 and considered to be one of the best chamber orchestras in the world, the Verbier Festival Chamber Orchestra is made up of the crème de la crème of musicians from leading symphony orchestras including Vienna Philharmonic, New York Philharmonic, London Symphony Orchestra and many more. Classical music fans can look forward to an enchanting evening featuring some of the best music scores of all time written by Mozart, Saint-Saëns and Schubert.

Led by the acclaimed conductor, Gábor Takács-Nagy, and guest soloist, George Li, who is widely regarded as one of the world's most talented and creative young pianists, the Verbier Festival Chamber Orchestra is the resident chamber orchestra at the iconic Verbier Festival, which celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2018. The orchestra also has an annual residency at the world-famous spa retreat Schloss Elmau, Germany and its celebrated tours have brought its captivating sound to audiences at many of the world's great concert halls and festivals.

Jasper Hope, Chief Executive at Dubai Opera, commented: "The Verbier Festival is one of the brightest stars of the Swiss cultural calendar and its orchestra comprises the best of the best from an incredible array of world-class ensembles. It's fantastic they've agreed to make a stop at Dubai Opera on their tour next April – audiences can expect a stunning programme performed live by a great orchestra of the world as well as a chance to hear a young prodigy in George Li give his interpretation of Saint-Saëns' most popular piano concerto"

For more information on the Verbier Festival Chamber Orchestra, please visit: <https://www.verbierfestival.com/en/vfco/>. Tickets will be available from AED250 from midday on Wednesday, 27th September 2017 at www.dubaiopera.com

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Note to Editors

Programme for the evening:

Mozart Symphony No. 35 in D major, K. 385 "Haffner"
Saint-Saëns Piano Concerto No. 2 in G minor, Op. 22



Interval

Schubert Symphony No. 5 in B-flat major, D485

About Dubai Opera:

Dubai Opera is a truly unique venue and the city's first purpose built multi-format performing arts theatre, situated in the heart of Downtown Dubai. With an iconic dhow-shaped design rooted in Emirati heritage, Dubai Opera offers the ultimate flexibility of a proscenium arch theatre, an acoustic concert hall and a 2000m² flat floor event space, and is the definitive destination for quality entertainment productions and performances. Dubai Opera's stage hosts an incredible array of world-class talent, with opera, ballet and classical music concerts and productions at the core, Dubai Opera also stages musical theatre, fashion shows, jazz, comedy, family shows and a full range of live entertainment.

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