



Press release

YOUNG MUSICIANS FROM 28 NATIONS UNITE FOR THE EUROPEAN UNION YOUTH ORCHESTRA'S PERFORMANCES AT DUBAI OPERA

Dubai UAE, 29 October 2017 – Having performed to sell-out audiences in 43 countries, 177 cities and 224 venues, the European Union Youth Orchestra is set to bring its dynamic and captivating performance to Dubai Opera for two nights only on the 12th and 13th April 2018. Tickets will go on sale at midday on Monday 30 October 2017, with prices starting at just AED250.

United by a shared cultural heritage and a common cultural vision, the European Union Youth Orchestra features young musicians from 28 nations. Founded in 1976, the orchestra has been a cultural ambassador for the European Union for more than forty years, providing an exceptional bridge between music colleges and the professional music world for generations.

From Amsterdam to New York, Moscow to Mumbai, Seoul to Sao Paolo and beyond, the European Union Youth Orchestra's gripping and exhilarating symphony sounds have been heard at many of the world's greatest concert halls and festivals, including the Amsterdam Concertgebouw, the Edinburgh, Lucerne and Salzburg festivals and the iconic BBC Proms.

Under the baton of Vasily Petrenko, one of the most sought-after, dynamic, young conductors and winner of Male Artist of the Year at the Classical Brit Awards, the European Union Youth Orchestra blends the exceptional individual skills and distinct personalities of its members into an orchestral harmonious performance. EUYO's Chief Conductor Vasily Petrenko was also recently awarded 2017 Gramophone Artist of the Year. Complementing this line-up is critically acclaimed young Jordanian pianist soloist Karim Said.

Jasper Hope, Chief Executive at Dubai Opera, commented: "These concerts by the European Union Youth Orchestra next April are a fantastic opportunity for UAE audiences to hear an outstanding ensemble perform two wonderful programmes and, thanks to a series of educational workshops we'll be running alongside the shows, also a once in a lifetime chance for young musicians in the UAE to



gain invaluable skills and expertise through cultural exchange with some of Europe’s musical stars of the future.”

Marshall Marcus, Chief Executive of the European Union Youth Orchestra said "It is a great honour to represent the 28 nations of the European Union in a major education residency and performances at Dubai Opera, the stunningly impressive new addition to the UAE's cultural scene. The Orchestra will be bringing its trademark energy and dynamism to a whole variety of new Dubai audiences, and we look forward to these performances with tremendous anticipation”.

Featuring a programme that includes Gershwin’s Rhapsody in Blue and Rachamaninoff’s Piano Concerto No. 2 - two of the most famous and greatest works in the piano repertoire – this is an evening not to be missed.

Programme:

12 April

Maurice Ravel	La Valse
George Gershwin	Rhapsody in Blue
Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov	Sheherazade Op. 35

13 April

Sergei Rachamaninoff	Piano Concerto No. 2
	Symphony No.2, Op.27

Soloist: Karim Said

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For full details, please visit www.dubaiopera.com

For more information on the European Youth Orchestra, please visit <http://www.euyo.eu>

Tickets will be available from AED250 from midday on Monday 30 October 2017 at www.dubaiopera.com

Note to Editors

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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