



Press release

## **DUBAI OPERA ANNOUNCES DATES FOR MUSIC IN THE STUDIO 2018**

*A series of outstanding music performances by some of the world's finest artists*

**Dubai UAE, 19th December 2017** – After a sold out first season in 2017, *Music in the Studio* returns for a much anticipated second season with six world class performances. Curated by internationally renowned pianist, Amira Fouad, *Music in the Studio* is set in Dubai Opera's acoustically flawless studio, allowing for a more atmospheric and unmissable experience between the musicians and their audiences.

This January to June 2018, music lovers, musicians and students are invited to Dubai Opera to delight in six intimate shows, performed by a number of the world's finest artists. With one show scheduled each month, those looking to enjoy all six performances can purchase a special season pass for just AED 600. Or, if guests are unable to make all six shows, there is also the option to buy a regular season pass for AED 450, which lets you enjoy up to four performances. Independent tickets are priced at only AED 150 each and tickets will go on sale on Tuesday 19 December at 10am.

The series of six intimate performances will include the following:

### **24 January**

#### **Katherine Bryan & Scott Mitchell**

One of the world's most outstanding young flautists, Katherine Bryan performs alongside pianist Scott Mitchell in a programme including music by Massenet, Debussy, Dvorak, Poulenc as well as Katherine's own transcription of the Paganini Variations.

### **21 February**

#### **Mauricio Díaz Álvarez**

Famed Mexican guitarist Mauricio Díaz Álvarez performs a captivating programme of works from Spain and across Latin America. Inspired by his roots, the award-winning artist will be performing music by Albeniz, Villa-Lobos, Ponce, Tárrega and other Latin American composers.

### **21 March**



**Paul Meyer & Eric Le Sage**

Two of France's best chamber musicians bring us a sumptuous programme of French favourites, on clarinet and piano, with music by Ravel, Saint-Saens, Chausson and Poulenc. Including a tribute to the centenary celebration of Claude Debussy.

**25 April**

**Neil Latchman & Amira Fouad**

Tenor Neil Latchman is joined by pianist Amira Fouad in a programme that includes the songs by Tosti, Donizetti and Lecuona for which he has become synonymous. The London based, Trinidadian born Tenor, Neil Latchman has enjoyed worldwide success in major concert halls internationally including the Wigmore Hall, London, the Concertgebouw, Amsterdam and Teatro Colón, Buenos Aires.

**2 May**

**Julian Bliss & Julien Quentin**

Julian Bliss performs an eclectic and virtuosic musical programme ranging from the romantic clarinet sonata by Johannes Brahms to the jazz vibes of Gershwin with his long-time duo partner pianist Julien Quentin. Julian Bliss is one of the world's finest clarinetists excelling as a concerto soloist, chamber musician, jazz artist and masterclass leader.

**20 June**

**Bruno Vlahek & Dubravka Vukalovic**

Winners of the International Piano Four-Hands Competition, the duo is set to perform a selection of music by Chabrier, Saint-Saëns, Ravel, Granados and de Falla in a dazzling showcase of two players on one piano.

**Jasper Hope, Chief Executive at Dubai Opera**, commented: "This second season is another wonderful mix of fantastic chamber music from some brilliant international musicians and I am so pleased we've been able to add more concerts into the series as a result of the success of Music in the Studio in 2017. We've also been able to expand the season package options in response to the customer demand and I look forward to seeing more full-houses enjoying the intimate atmosphere and excellent music-making over the next six concerts".

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For full details, please visit [www.dubaiopera.com](http://www.dubaiopera.com)

All performances start at 8pm and tickets will be available from AED 150 from Tuesday 19 December at 10am at [www.dubaiopera.com](http://www.dubaiopera.com)



Ultimate season pass – AED 600 – buy 6 for the price of 4  
Regular season pass – AED 450 – buy 4 for the price of 3

**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 2000m<sup>2</sup> 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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