



Press release

AFTER A HUGE SUCCESS IN 2018, MUSIC IN THE STUDIO CONTINUES WITH SIX NEW DATES AT DUBAI OPERA FOR 2019

Dubai UAE, 23 December 2018: For the first half of 2019 *Music in the Studio* will continue to create unique musical experiences with a collective of independent artists and musicians, with six world class performances, running from January to June 2019.

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.

With one show scheduled each month, those looking to enjoy all six performances can purchase the Ultimate Season Pass for 6 tickets at just AED 600 or a Regular Pass for 4 tickets at AED 450. Independent tickets are priced at only AED 150 each.

Discover incredible world class musicians and multi-instrumentalists in this series of six intimate live performances which include:

30 January

The Ayoub Sisters - Violin, Cello and Piano

Since making their Royal Albert Hall debut in 2016, Scottish-Egyptian sisters Sarah and Laura Ayoub have had a meteoric start to their career. The multi-instrumentalist sisters recorded their debut album with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and it was No.1 in the Official Classical Artist Albums Chart.

The Ayoub Sisters will be performing their own arrangements of well-known music by classical composers Saint-Saens and Monti as well as popular music arrangements of songs by The Beatles, Jennifer Lopez and Ed Sheeren. This is a programme with many styles of music that will reach out to all generations of concert goers.

20 February

Jaume Torrent - Classical Guitar

He is one of the best-known Catalan guitarists on the international scene, with appearances in Vienna, Beirut, Barcelona, Kiev, Amman. Jaume Torrent is known for his prolific recordings as well as his own compositions.

Lovers of classical guitar will enjoy the instrument's solo beauty and the programme of Spanish Guitar including music by Fernando Sor, Isaac Albeniz and more including the UAE premiere of Torrent's own composition.

6 March

Anna Fedorova - Piano

One of the world's premier young pianists, Anna Fedorova's live recording of the Rachmaninoff 2nd Piano Concerto in the Royal Concertgebouw has become the most watched classical concerto on Youtube and is highly praised by many renowned musicians. Music in the Studio is thrilled to announce Anna's debut in the UAE performing the famous 'Moonlight Sonata' by Beethoven as well as music by Mozart, Chopin and Schumann.



24 April

London Mozart Players Quintet

One of the highlights of the season is the UAE's debut of the prestigious London Mozart Players Quintet. Founded in 1949, the London Mozart Players Quintet is the UK's longest established chamber orchestra. The ensemble has enjoyed a long history of association with many of the world's finest musical personalities from Igor Stravinsky and Sir James Galway to Julian Lloyd Webber and Simon Callow. At *Music in the Studio* you will hear the Quintet performing music by Mozart, Schubert and Brahms.

01 May

Amy Dickson & Amira Fouad - Saxophone & Piano

Grammy nominated twice, British-Australian Sony Artist, Amy Dickson, made history by becoming the first saxophonist to win a Classic Brit Award. Recognised widely for her remarkable, distinctive tone and exceptional musicality, *Gramophone* has described her as "a player with a difference who has an individual and unusual tone, luscious, silky-smooth, sultry and voluptuous by turns". Amy Dickson will be collaborating with *Music in the Studio* curator and concert pianist, Amira Fouad, to perform music by Debussy, Ravel, Saint-Saëns, Milhaud, Piazzolla arranged for saxophone and piano.

12 June

Catrin Finch - Harp

Internationally renowned harpist Catrin Finch is one of the most accomplished harpists of her generation. Since 2000, when she had the honour of being Royal Harpist to the Prince of Wales, she has performed extensively throughout the world both as a soloist and appearing with many of the world's top orchestras. She has recorded for most of the major international recording companies, including Universal Records, EMI and Sony Classical. She will be delighting audiences with music by Bach, Debussy, Fauré and some traditional Welsh folk music.

Jasper Hope, Chief Executive at Dubai Opera, commented: "Six more wonderfully intimate performances, six more chances to enjoy an evening of beautiful chamber music from some very talented internationally-renowned musicians - don't miss out on a season pass to enjoy them all. "

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Tickets can be purchased at www.dubaiopera.com and all performances start at 8pm.

6 tickets Ultimate Season Pass - AED 600.

4 tickets Regular Season Pass - AED 450.

Independent tickets are priced at only AED 150 each.

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



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theatre, fashion shows, jazz, comedy, family shows and a full range of live entertainment.

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