

## Media Release

**Pianist Andriy Dragan, winner of the 2009 “Prix Credit Suisse Jeunes Solistes”, will make his first appearance at LUCERNE FESTIVAL.**

**The jury, chaired by the director of Lausanne Conservatoire Pierre Wavre, has awarded Andriy Dragan the “Prix Credit Suisse Jeunes Solistes” 2009. The young artist will give a recital at LUCERNE FESTIVAL on 25 August 2009. Established in 2001, this richly endowed prize was previously awarded to cellist Sol Gabetta, pianist Pawel Mazurkiewicz, the Tecchler Trio and flutist Aniela Frey.**

Andriy Dragan was born into a musical family in Lviv, Ukraine, on 1 January 1986 and began to study music with Professor Lidia Krych at the local musical boarding school in 1993. In 2004 he was accepted into Professor Adrian Oetiker’s piano class at the Basle Music Academy. While still a student he gave solo performances in Ukraine as well as chamber music recitals there and abroad. From 1999 to 2000 he often played in Switzerland with the INSO Orchestra (Lviv) under Gunhard Matthes. Since 1998 he has made many guest appearances at festivals, including Les Muséiques (Basle), Menhir (Falera), the Contrasts Festival of Contemporary Music (Lviv) and Virtuosi (also Lviv). He has won many prizes at competitions in Germany, Ukraine and Switzerland and was awarded the 2005 Swiss Rotary Public Prize. In 2006 he won the Valiant Competition and gave several concerts in Switzerland with the Musikhochschule Festival Orchestra at Basle Music Academy, under the baton of Thomas Furi.

The “Prix Credit Suisse Jeunes Solistes” is awarded jointly by LUCERNE FESTIVAL, the Conference of Swiss Musical Institutes of Higher Learning (KHMS), and the Credit Swiss Foundation. It is accompanied by a cash award of 25,000 Swiss francs and is granted in two-year intervals in alternation with the Credit Suisse Young Artist Award. The purpose of the Prix Credit Suisse Jeunes Solistes is to acknowledge and promote highly talented musicians from Switzerland. Invitations to participate in the auditions are arranged by the KMHS, with a maximum of five aspirants allowed to take part. The age limit is twenty-six.

Besides chairman Pierre Wavre, the jury includes managing director Michael Haefliger (LUCERNE FESTIVAL), Philip Dinkel (director of the Geneva Conservatoire), Stephan Siegenthaler (rector of Lucerne Hochschule, Music), and Stephan Schmidt (rector of Basle Musikhochschule).

Andriy Dragan will present the second concert of the Début series on Tuesday, 25 August 2009. The recital will take place at Lucerne’s Casineum at 12:15 pm as part of LUCERNE FESTIVAL in Summer.

The previous winners of the Prix Credit Suisse Jeunes Solistes are cellist Sol Gabetta (2001), pianist Pawel Mazurkiewicz (2003), the Tecchler Trio (2005), and flutist Aniela Frey (2007).

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