



## Media release

### 'Début' – International Platform for Young Artists

In 1964 a new concert series was created to focus on the promotion of young talent: 'The Festival Presents Young Artists'. In the nearly five decades of its existence it has witnessed the Lucerne débuts of many renowned musicians, such as Jacqueline du Pré (1965), Kurt Widmer (1967), Anne-Sophie Mutter (1976), the Hagen Quartet (1980), Christian Tetzlaff (1989), Sol Gabetta (2001) and Julia Fischer (2001). Having taken an active interest in young musicians for decades in its master classes, this is the proper approach for LUCERNE FESTIVAL: a festival of international stature promotes young musicians by offering them highly visible performance opportunities. This year the Début series will include a total of eight concerts.

LUCERNE FESTIVAL deliberately designed this series to be a chamber music forum with a balanced mixture of solo recitals and ensemble performances and a maximum variety in the range of instruments. The participation of young Swiss musicians is one of the Festival's central concerns. At least one Swiss artist is showcased at Début every year. First-rate performance skills, a distinctive repertoire and close ties to the Festival's guiding themes in their choice of pieces are key factors in deciding which musicians will take part.

### Artists Appearing in the 2010 Début Series

- 19 August Tobias Berndt (baritone) and Alexander Fleischer (piano)
- 24 August Nicolas Altstaedt (cello), winner of the 2010 Credit Suisse Young Artist Award, and José Gallardo (piano)
- 26 August Ramón Ortega Quero (oboe) and Olga Watts (harpsichord)
- 31 August Meret Lüthi (baroque violin), Felix Knecht (baroque cello), Ieva Saliete (harpsichord) and Jonathan Rubin (lute)
- 02 September Benjamin Moser (piano)
- 07 September Quatuor Modigliani
- 09 September Veronika Eberle (violin) and Oliver Schnyder (piano)
- 14 September David Pia (cello) and Gérard Wyss (piano)

All concerts in the Début series are held in the Casineum of Lucerne Casino and begin at 12:15 pm.

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