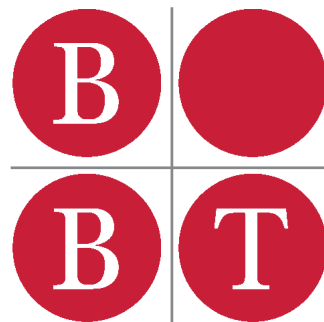


Borletti-Buitoni Trust

supporting a family of young musicians

PRESS RELEASE



Unique ensemble comes together for Borletti-Buitoni Trust showcase PLUS launch of 10th anniversary plans

The maxim *"once a BBT winner, always a BBT winner"* comes to mind with the announcement that three of the Borletti-Buitoni Trust's award-winners from 2004, **Viviane Hagner**, **Lawrence Power** (as a member of the Leopold String Trio) and **Christian Poltéra**, are forming an exclusive ensemble with newcomer **Khatia Buniatishvili** (2010 award-winner) for a prestigious BBT showcase tour in May 2012. These highly acclaimed young musicians will perform a programme of Beethoven's popular second string trio, romantic piano works by Chopin and Brahms' first piano quartet, famous for its folk-flavoured Gypsy Rondo finale.

And, before the music even begins, there will be a premiere screening of a short film about the history of the Trust and its work, featuring BBT founder Ilaria Borletti Buitoni, leading figures in the music industry and pianist Jonathan Biss, soprano Emma Bell and percussionist Colin Currie, all of whom have won BBT awards. Pianist **Mitsuko Uchida** DBE will also be interviewed on stage about her role as founding trustee of BBT and her work with young musicians.

The celebrated **Aronowitz Ensemble** (BBT Special Ensemble Scholarship 2009) will also perform in the Front Room at the QEH after the concert in the main hall.

Since its first award winners were announced in 2003, the Borletti-Buitoni Trust has developed a unique approach to helping talented young musicians develop and sustain their international careers. Besides the financial awards, BBT both supports and creates projects that enhance their professional experience. The chance to work with mentors such as Mitsuko Uchida and Christian Tetzlaff – and each other – is a key part of this policy. The May 2012 tour will be preceded by a residential retreat at the secluded Italian country home of Ilaria Borletti Buitoni, affording them the rare and precious bonus of three days to rehearse and get to know each other before the tour.

After almost a decade of award-giving, the BBT 'family' numbers more than 100 musicians, many of them now the most sought-after young generation soloists and ensembles on the international scene. Looking forward to its 10-year milestone, BBT will announce at these concerts the details of its **tenth anniversary festival** which will take place the following year in May 2013 in London with Mitsuko Uchida and a star-studded line-up of BBT award-winners from the past ten years.

The London showcase is part of a European tour which also takes the ensemble to the Netherlands (Amsterdam's Concertgebouw on 2 May and Eindhoven's Muziekgebouw on 6 May).

MORE THAN JUST A CONCERT

**Queen Elizabeth Hall
LONDON**

**Friday 4 May 2012
19.00hrs**

(note earlier time)

Film and pre-concert interview
with Mitsuko Uchida DBE

CONCERT

Beethoven

String Trio in G Op.9 No 1

Chopin

Ballade No 4 in F minor Op.52

Scherzo No 3 in C sharp minor
Op.39

Brahms

Piano Quartet No 1 in G minor
Op.25

9.45pm

The Front Room at the
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Aronowitz Ensemble
(free admission)



This concert is part of the
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BBT Showcase Concerts

BBT presents a series of special opportunities to hear outstanding BBT award-winners in the intimate and elegant drawing room of arts philanthropists Bob and Elisabeth Boas at 22 Mansfield Street, London W1G 9NR. Each concert represents a UK/London debut.

Hyeyoon Park *violin*

17 January 2012

Still in her teens, this sought-after Korean violinist has already won many prizes and performed with some of the world's finest orchestras and conductors. Frequently praised for her radiant stage presence, she is also lauded for her vivid personality and inspiring and mature interpretations of repertoire stretching from Bach to Bartok. This will be her first UK performance and she will be accompanied by fellow ARD International Music Competition winner Marianna Shirinyan on piano.

2011 BBT AWARD

REMINDERS:

Trio Mondrian

19 November 2011

Ohad Ben-Ari (piano), Daniel Bard (violin) and Hila Karni (cello) are the Trio Mondrian and perform regularly in Israel and throughout Europe.

2009 BBT FELLOWSHIP

Augustin Hadelich *violin*

14 December 2011

27 year-old Augustin Hadelich is already a top-ranking violinist in great demand in Europe and the US (where he now lives) and is critically acclaimed for his unerring technique and powers of expression.

2011 BBT FELLOWSHIP

To reserve your seat contact boas22m@btinternet.com

All concerts start at 7.30pm, with drinks from 7pm

£15 for concert and drinks only, £40 for concert and dinner.

All proceeds to the Nicholas Boas Trust.

HYEYOON PARK

*plays with solid technique, tonal vibrancy,
and strong emotional commitment*

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