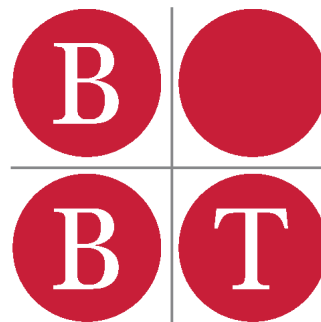


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PRESS RELEASE



Prestigious Dutch venues for Borletti-Buitoni Trust Showcase Tour

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Talented young musicians of Dutch origin and residency have always featured prominently in the prestigious annual Borletti-Buitoni Trust (BBT) awards and Holland has welcomed all three special showcase tours for BBT award winners in past years.

In May 2012 BBT's fourth tour will visit both Amsterdam and Eindhoven, as well as London, with an exclusive piano quartet especially assembled for the occasion: German violinist **Viviane Hagner**, British viola player **Lawrence Power** and Swiss cellist **Christian Poltéra**, who all received Borletti-Buitoni Trust awards in 2004, join Georgian pianist **Khatia Buniatishvili**, a recent 2010 award-winner. They will perform at Amsterdam's Concertgebouw (2 May), London's Queen Elizabeth Hall (4 May) and Eindhoven's Muziekgebouw (6 May) with programmes that include Beethoven's popular second string trio, romantic piano works by Chopin and Brahms' first piano quartet.

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.

Notes to Editors

- BBT award winners from Holland include: **Erik Bosgraaf** recorder, **Nino Gvetadze** piano, **Lavinia Meijer** harp, **Hannes Minnaar** piano, **Henk Neven** baritone, **Alexei Ogrintchouk** oboe, **Christianne Stotijn** mezzo-soprano, **Ralph van Raat** piano, **Jörgen van Rijen** trombone, **Bram van Sambeek** bassoon
- Lawrence Power won the 2004 award as a member of the Leopold String Trio
- Previous BBT tours were in 2004 (Europe/UK) and 2008 (USA/UK/Europe) led by Mitsuko Uchida and 2006 (UK/Europe) led by Christian Tetzlaff who is a BBT Honorary Committee member.

TOUR DETAILS

AMSTERDAM
Concertgebouw
(Kleine Saal)
Wednesday 2 May
20.15hrs

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

www.concertgebouw.nl

EINDHOVEN
Muziekgebouw
Sunday 6 May
15.30hrs

Beethoven
String Trio in G Op.9 No 1
Brahms
Piano Quartet No 1 in G minor
Op.25

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