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Leopold String Trio welcomes new violinist

The Leopold String Trio, one of the world's leading chamber music ensembles, is delighted to announce that the renowned violinist Isabelle van Keulen will be joining the group. This follows the ensemble's former and founding violinist Marianne Thorsen's decision to leave the group to concentrate on other aspects of her career, including leading the Nash Ensemble of London, many solo engagements and Professorships both at the Royal Academy of Music



in London and the Department of Music at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology in Trondheim.

The Trio's other members Lawrence Power (viola) and Kate Gould (cello) are very excited by the opportunity of working with Isabelle van Keulen, widely regarded as one of the most sought after and charismatic musicians of her generation with an already formidable reputation both as a soloist and chamber musician. This change comes half way through the trio's highly successful and innovative series of 12 concerts, "The Series", being presented at London's Wigmore Hall and the Turner Sims Concert Hall in Southampton. The Series was made possible after an award from the Borletti-Buitoni Trust and was itself a major contributing factor to the group being awarded the 2005 Royal Philharmonic Society's Chamber Ensemble Award. The inevitable fresh input of ideas from a musician such as Isabelle van Keulen will ensure the group continues to develop and grow through the rest of The Series and beyond.

The Series continues this March when the Leopold String Trio will be joined by pianist Marc-André **Hamelin** for programmes 7 & 8.

The Series: Programme 7:

Wigmore Hall, London: 9th March 2007, 7:30pm Turner Sims Concert Hall, Southampton: 11th March 2007, 15:00

Programme: Mozart Duo in Bb for Violin and Viola, Bach, arr Mozart Largo and Fugue in Eb, Webern Trio Satz, Bach, arr Mozart Adagio and Fugue in G minor, Webern Trio, Brahms Piano

Quartet in G minor

The Series: Programme 8:

Wigmore Hall, London: 10th March 2007, 7:30pm Turner Sims Concert Hall, Southampton: 13th March 2007, 20:00

Programme: Mahler Piano Quartet, Hans Eisler Scherzo, Schoenberg Trio Op 45, Brahms Piano

Quartet in A

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