

Dear Friends and Music Lovers,

The 2008/2009 season comes to its end, and despite the tough economic circumstances we can say it has been a good one. We had a lot of great tours with our artists, many inspiring encounters at conferences, and we started *Latitude45News*! We'll now have a summer break, to ease down a bit, make new plans, and get ready for the next season. This issue of *Latitude45News* therefore is a bit more extensive. We'll be back with the next issue in September. Until then, enjoy your summer! And if you are in the Southern Hemisphere, may music fill your winter nights with inspiration!

Barbara Scales

Director of Latitude45 Arts

## News

### Alain Trudel tours with the NYOC

Conductor Alain Trudel leads the National Youth Orchestra of Canada (NYOC) in this year's summer tour through Ontario and Quebec. Under his baton, the orchestra aims high: the repertoire features Gustav Mahler's "tragic" 6<sup>th</sup> symphony, Leonard Bernstein's Dances from *Westside Story* and the famous *Rite of Spring* by Igor Stravinsky.

But the NYOC does not restrict itself to the big romantic and post-romantic repertoire; Alain Trudel makes it extend its reach, from classical to contemporary music. Contemporary repertoire includes Montreal-born Sammy Moussa's "Cyclus" and a commissioned piece by Toronto-based composer Rob Teehan, "Dreams of Flying". For the performance of a Haydn symphony, the orchestra will be split to a smaller, classical size. And finally, it will work on opera repertoire together with Canadian superstar soprano Isabel Bayrakdarian, to perform well-known Rossini arias at the opening night of the Stratford Summer Music Festival.

[www.latitude45arts.com/artists/view/alain\\_trudel](http://www.latitude45arts.com/artists/view/alain_trudel)

[www.nyoc.org](http://www.nyoc.org)

### NYOC performs online

Alain Trudel not only expands the National Youth Orchestra's repertoire and stylistic range, but also its media presence: the NYOC will be the first Canadian youth orchestra to broadcast a concert via the internet. On August 2, 2009 a performance in partnership with McGill University Schulich School of Music will be streamed live on the web. Details of how to view the concert will be posted on [www.nyoc.org](http://www.nyoc.org).

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### **Mark Fewer goes down under**

Violinist Mark Fewer has recently been invited by the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra to perform John Adams' concerto "The Dharma at Big Sur" for six string electric violin and orchestra in 2010. This will be the concerto's second premiere by Mark Fewer, who had already played the Canadian premiere with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra in 2003. The concert is scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010; Brawell Tovey will conduct.

[www.latitude45arts.com/artists/view/mark\\_fewer](http://www.latitude45arts.com/artists/view/mark_fewer)

### **François Houle showcases at CAPACOA**

If you want to meet Vancouver-based clarinetist and composer François Houle in person, you get your chance at CAPACOA, the annual conference of the Canadian Arts Presenting Association in November in Calgary. François Houle has been selected among hundreds of applicants to showcase, and he will present excerpts from his program of Pan-American music, including works by Piazzolla, Guastavino, Copland, Bernstein, and himself.

[www.latitude45arts.com/artists/view/francois\\_houle](http://www.latitude45arts.com/artists/view/francois_houle)

[www.francoishoule.ca](http://www.francoishoule.ca)

### **Still more praise for Jenny Lin**

There is no end to praise for Jenny Lin's CD of Shostakovich's Preludes and Fugues (op. 87) on Hänssler. After enthusiastic reviews in Classics Today and German online magazine Klassik heute, the renowned German magazine FonoForum lauds her as well: "Even regarding solely her technique, Jenny Lin does not need to fear her competitors. Neither Ashkenazy, Sherbakov or Mustonen nor the elder ones; not even the composer himself. Precision, energy and intensity of her playing are constantly outstanding."

Jenny Lin will celebrate the launch of this already successful CD with a CD release party at New York's prestigious Le Poisson Rouge on July 20<sup>th</sup>, where she will also perform a small selection of Shostakovich's pieces.

[www.latitude45arts.com/artists/view/jenny\\_lin](http://www.latitude45arts.com/artists/view/jenny_lin)

[www.jennylin.net](http://www.jennylin.net)

[www.lepoissonrouge.com](http://www.lepoissonrouge.com)

### **Guy Livingston tours North America**

Pianist and media artist Guy Livingston has received a grant from the NFPK, the Dutch government's Performing Arts Fund, to support travel for his North America tour. The tour is scheduled for October 2009 and currently includes concerts and educational outreach in Chicago, Dayton/Ohio, Montreal, New York and Washington D.C., further dates and places to be added.

[www.latitude45arts.com/artists/view/guy\\_livingston](http://www.latitude45arts.com/artists/view/guy_livingston)

[www.guylivingston.com](http://www.guylivingston.com)

## Artist of the Month: Lucille Chung

Since her debut with Charles Dutoit in 1989, Montreal-born pianist Lucille Chung has not ceased to impress. She graduated from both the Julliard and the Curtis Institute before she was twenty, and since then has performed an extensive concerto repertoire with orchestras all over the world, in recitals as a soloist or together with her duo partner and husband, Alessio Bax.

But as much as she loves to push her mastery further, she loves sharing it with others to help them refine their own skills. Her summer schedule therefore is not only full of solo recitals at prestigious festivals like the Abbey Bach Festival in Oregon or the Verbier Festival in Switzerland; but much time is dedicated to a mixture of playing and teaching. As a faculty member of the Stony Brook International Piano Festival and the International Keyboard Festival at New York's Mannes College, she gives aspiring young students deeper insights into piano virtuosity. At the MusicFest Vancouver, she will perform a "Listener's Guide to Brahms and Ligeti" together with pianist Jane Coop, hosted by Espace musique presenter Sylvia L'Écuyer.



This way, Lucille Chung acts not only as a pianist, but as an ambassador of excellent piano music. No wonder France Musique has chosen her as one of three interview partners for the radio program "Sur tous les tons", which will alternate live music and interviews from the Verbier Festival. Host will be the leading French music journalist Gaëlle le Gallic.

And after summer? More playing, and more teaching, of course. And she will be busy recording; she signed an exclusive 3-year recording contract with Disques XXI-21/Universal this spring. Her first album featuring works by Saint-Saëns will be out in fall 2009.

[www.latitude45arts.com/artists/view/lucille\\_chung](http://www.latitude45arts.com/artists/view/lucille_chung)  
[www.lucillechung.com](http://www.lucillechung.com)

## Events

See our full events calendar on [www.latitude45arts.com/calendars](http://www.latitude45arts.com/calendars).

July 16, 12 pm, Grovesnor House, Stony Brook, NY (USA)

Lucille Chung gives a master class at the Stony Brook International Piano Festival

July 16, 7:30 pm, Carson Auditorium, Stony Brook, NY (USA)

Lucille Chung gives a piano recital as part of her master class

July 21, 6 pm, Mannes College, New York (USA)

Lucille Chung performs works by Schumann and Saint-Saëns in the prestige concert series of the International Keyboard Institute and Festival

- July 23, 6-8 pm, "Sur tous les sons", broadcast at France Musique (Radio France)  
Lucille Chung and Alessio Bax are featured in a live radio broadcast from the Verbier Festival with music journalist Gaëlle Le Gallic
- July 23, 7:30 pm, University of Western Ontario, London, ON (Canada)  
Alain Trudel conducts the National Youth Orchestra of Canada in a program of Teehan, Haydn, and Mahler
- July 25, 7:30 pm, University of Western Ontario, London, ON (Canada)  
Alain Trudel conducts the National Youth Orchestra of Canada in a program of Moussa, Ravel, Bernstein, and Stravinsky
- July 26, 7:30 pm, Grace Knox Presbyterian Church, Toronto (Canada)  
Alain Trudel conducts the National Youth Orchestra of Canada and soprano Isabel Bayrakdarian at the opening night of the Stratford Summer Music Festival
- July 27, 7 pm, Salle Médran, Verbier (Switzerland)  
Lucille Chung performs at "La nuit des pianists" of the Verbier festival, together with Emanuel Ax and Alessio Bax
- July 28, 7:30 pm, National Arts Centre, Ottawa (Canada)  
Alain Trudel conducts the National Youth Orchestra of Canada in a program of Teehan, Haydn, and Mahler
- July 28, 8 pm, Church of the Mount Angel Abbey, St. Benedict, Oregon (USA)  
Guy Few & Nadina Mackie-Jackson perform music for bassoon, trumpet, corno and piano by Bach and others at the Abbey Bach Festival
- July 29, 7:30 pm, Kingston Gospel Temple, Kingston, ON (Canada)  
Alain Trudel conducts the National Youth Orchestra of Canada in a program of Moussa, Ravel, Bernstein, and Stravinsky
- July 29, Hôtel de Ville, Nancy (France)  
Pascal Gallet gives a piano recital of Chopin, Jevtic, and Debussy
- July 31, 8 pm, Damien Center, Mount Angel Abbey, St. Benedict, Oregon (USA)  
Lucille Chung performs piano music by Bach, Schumann, and Saint-Saëns at the Abbey Bach Festival
- August 1, 7:30 pm, Church of Saint-Jovite, Mont Tremblant (Canada)  
Alain Trudel conducts the National Youth Orchestra of Canada in a program of Teehan, Haydn, Ravel, and Bernstein
- August 3, 7:30, Basilica Notre Dame, Montreal (Canada)  
Alain Trudel conducts the National Youth Orchestra of Canada in a program of Moussa, Haydn, and Mahler
- August 6, 7:30 pm, Centre in the Square, Kitchener, ON (Canada)  
Alain Trudel conducts the National Youth Orchestra of Canada in a program of Moussa, Ravel, Bernstein, and Stravinsky
- August 7, 8 pm, Roy Thomson Hall, Toronto (Canada)  
Alain Trudel conducts the National Youth Orchestra of Canada in a program of Teehan, Haydn, and Mahler
- August 10, 8 pm, Norman Rothstein Theatre, Vancouver (Canada)  
Mark Fewer brings a tribute to Stéphane Grappelli to the MusicFest Vancouver, together with Van Django and guests

- August 11, 8 pm, The Cellar Jazz Club, Vancouver (Canada)  
Mark Fewer, (violin) joins up with old friends Jodi Proznick (bass) and Brad Turner (piano) for an evening of Monk, Ellington, Davis, and Shorter at the MusicFest Vancouver
- August 11, 8:30 pm, Salão de Atos da UFRGS, Porto Alegre (Brazil)  
Pascal Gallet performs d'Indy's "Symphonie sur un chant montagnard français" with the Orquestra Sinfônica de Porto Alegre, and works by Debussy and Villa-Lobos
- August 12-13, details tba, Porto Alegre (Brazil)  
Pascal Gallet gives a piano recital and master class
- August 12, 8 pm, University of Vermont Recital Hall, Burlington, VT (USA)  
Marimbist Makoto Nakura performs Kenji Bunch's new "Duo for Vibraphone and Viola" in a concert of the Craftsbury Chamber Players
- August 13, 2 pm, Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver (Canada)  
Pianists Lucille Chung and Jane Coop perform a "Listener's Guide to Brahms and Ligeti", hosted by Espace musique presenter Sylvia L'Écuyer
- August 13, Town House, Hardwick (USA)  
Marimbist Makoto Nakura performs Kenji Bunch's new "Duo for Vibraphone and Viola", together with the composer on viola, in a concert of the Craftsbury Chamber Players
- August 14, 2 pm, Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver (Canada)  
Lucille Chung plays an all-Ligeti program of solo piano music
- August 20, 8:30 pm, UCS Theatre, Caxias do Sul (Brazil)  
Pascal Gallet performs d'Indy's "Symphonie sur un chant montagnard français" with the Orquestra Sinfônica de Porto Alegre, and works by Debussy and Jevtic

## Upcoming Tours

- October 2009: Guy Livingston, North America  
October 2009: Jenny Lin, Belgium  
January 2010: Kleztory, Belgium  
April/May 2010: Mark Fewer, Australia  
May 2010: Sanctuary Trio, Europe  
July 2010: Sanctuary Trio, Europe  
October 2010: Ramiro Gallo Quintet, North America  
October 2010: Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra, Asia  
November 2010: Joelle Léandre and Dominique Boivin, tribute to John Cage, North America  
November 2010: Sanctuary Trio, Western US and Canada  
March/April 2011: Les Percussions de Strasbourg, North America  
April 2011: Arditti Quartet, North America

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