

**Municipality of Ruse
Ministry of Culture**

**48. MARCH MUSIC DAYS INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL
15-30 March 2008**

Member of the European Festivals Association

15 March, Saturday, Theatre Hall, 7 pm

RUSE PHILHARMONICS

DUNAVSKY ZVUTSY CHOIR

J. Brahms – *Gesang der Parzen*, op.89

J. Sibelius – Violin concerto

V. Kazandjiev – Symphony No 5 (first performance)

R. Strauss – *Salomes Tanz der sieben Schleier*

Conductor – **ALEKSEY IZMIRLIEV**

Soloist – **Vanya MILANOVA** – violin

16 March, Sunday, Plenary Hall, 11 am

Piano trio

Bilyana VUCHKOVA – violin

Antony DONCHEV – piano

Aga DZIUBAK – cello, Poland

Programme: M. Ravel, M. Kagel, D. Shostakovich

16 March, Sunday, Theatre Hall, 7 pm

ISRAEL CONTEMPORARY STRING QUARTET

D. Shostakovich – String quartet No 3

J. Bardanashvili – String quartet No 1

S. Reich – *Different Trains*

17 March, Monday, Theatre Hall, 7 pm

GIDON KREMER & KREMERATA BALTICA

J. Haydn – *The Seven Last Words of Our Saviour on the Cross*

L. Desyatnikov – *Wie der alte Leiemann*

A. Piazzolla – Suite *Punta del Este*

Soloists

Gidon KREMER – violin

Andrey PUSHKAREV – vibraphone

18 March, Tuesday, Plenary Hall, 7 pm

CHAMBER ENSEMBLES

Erich SCHAGERL - violin, Austria

Raphael FLIEDER – cello, Austria

Jancu VADUVA – trumpet, Romania

Georgy SPASSOV – flute

Maria PRINZ – piano

Programme: J. Haydn, F. Schubert

19 March, Wednesday, Theatre Hall, 7 pm

FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA

J. S. Bach – Brandenburgische Konzerte No 4, No 5

K. Iliev – *Tempi Concertati* 2

B. Spassov – Concerto for flute, 13 strings and celesta

Conductor – **DRAGOMIR YOSSIFOV**

Soloists

Vanya MILANOVA – violin

Yavor ZHELEV – flute

20 March, Thursday, Theatre Hall, Foyer, 7 pm

THE VOICES

HILLIARD ENSEMBLE – Great Britain

Programme: sacred repertoire from the Catholic, Presbyterian, Russian, Creek and Armenian Christian traditions

21 March, Friday, Theatre Hall, 7 pm

LET'S PLAY ORCHESTRA

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH ORCHESTRA

G. Rossini – Overture *L'Italiana in Algeri*

L.v. Beethoven – Piano concerto No 1, op.15

F. Mendelssohn – Symphony No 4, *Italianische*, op.90

Conductor – **Sir Neville MARRINER**, Great Britain

Soloist – **Maria PRINZ** – piano

22 March, Saturday, Plenary Hall, 11 am

THE SPONTANEOUS PIANO

Basso Moderno Duo, USA

Allan von SCHENKEL – solo double bass

Kristen WILLIAMS – piano

and **Liubomir DENEV** – piano

Programme: L. Bell, S. Lopez, W. Ortiz, Yoko Ono, L. Denev, P. Oliveros, R. St. Clair and jazz improvisations on music by Haendel, Chopin, Debussy, Skriabin, G.Z.Cherkin

22 March, Saturday, Plenary Hall, 5 pm

Final Public Audition of the Conducting Master Classes

22 March, Saturday, Theatre Hall, 7 pm

FOUR HANDS MUSIC

Piano Duo

AGLIKA GENOVA & LIUBEN DIMITROV

Programme: M. Ravel, G. Bizet, J. Brahms, S. Rachmaninov

23 March, Sunday, Plenary Hall, 11 am

NEW NAMES

Aylen PRITCHIN – violin, Russia

First prize-winner at *Pancho Vladigerov* International Violin Competition – Shumen, 2007

Keiko HATTORI – piano, Japan

Second prize-winner at *Beethoven* International Piano Competition – Bonn, 2007

23 March, Sunday, Theatre Hall, Foyer, 7 pm

THE VOICES

Vassil Arnaudov's 75th birth anniversary

PROF. VASSIL ARNAUDOV MIXED CHOIR – Ruse

Conductor – **DRAGOMIR YOSSIFOV**

Programme: G. Faure, Gesualdo, A. Schnittke, S. Rachmaninov, W. A. Mozart

24 March, Monday, Plenary Hall, 5 pm

Final Public Audition of the Piano Master Classes

24 March, Monday, Theatre Hall, 7 pm

NEW RUSSIA SYMPHONIC ORCHESTRA

P. I. Tchaikovsky – Francesca da Rimini

S. Rachmaninov – Rhapsody on Paganini's theme

Rimsky-Korsakov – Sheherazade

Conductor – **YURI BASHMET**

Soloist – **Katia SKANAVI** – piano

25 March, Tuesday, Plenary Hall, 5 pm

Final Public Audition of the Violin Master Classes

25 March, Tuesday, Theatre Hall, 7 pm

NEW RUSSIA SYMPHONIC ORCHESTRA

E. Tabakov – Ad Infinitum

A. Schnittke – Viola concerto

P. I. Tchaikovsky – Symphony No 6

Conductor and soloist – **YURI BASHMET**

26 March, Wednesday, **Plenary Hall**, 7 pm

ENSEMBLE RECHERCHÉ – Germany

Programme: H. W. Henze, S. Sciarrino, L. Nikolov, W. Rihm, F. Donatoni, S. Scodanibbio

27 March, Thursday, **Plenary Hall**, 7 pm

Recital

MILCHO LEVIEV – piano

28 March, Friday, **Ruse Opera House**, 6 pm

RUSE OPERA COMPANY

DON CARLOS – G. Verdi (premiere)

Stage director – Christian Mihailescu , Romania

Sets and costumes – Viorica Petrovich , Romania

Chorus master – Hristo Stoev

Conductor and stage producer – **NAYDEN TODOROV**

Soloists

Ivailo DJUROV, Mariana TSVETKOVA, Mario MALAGNINI – Italy,

Andreana NIKOLOVA, Aleksandar KRUNEV, Plamen BEYKOV

29 March, Saturday, **Plenary Hall**, 11 am

FOUR HANDS MUSIC

Piano Duo

MARIO ANGELOV&ZLATKA ZLATKOVA

Programme: P. I. Tchaikovsky, I. Stravinsky

29 March, Saturday, Theatre Hall, 7 pm

BULGARIAN NATIONAL RADIO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

G. Ligeti – Romanian concerto

J. Brahms – Violin concerto

L. van Beethoven – Symphony No 5

Conductor – **HORIA ANDREESCU**, Romania

Soloist – **Elmar OLIVEIRA** – violin, USA

30 March, Sunday, **Plenary Hall**, 11 am

Elmar OLIVEIRA – violin

Liliy BOYADJIEVA – piano

30 March, Sunday, **Theatre Hall**, 7 pm

Closing

PLOVDIV OPERA-PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY

L. V. Beethoven – Concerto for violin, piano and cello

G. Mahler – Symphony No 1

Conductor – **GEORGY DIMITROV**

Soloists

Svetlin ROUSSEV – violin

Elena REZANOVA – piano

Sebastien van KUIJK – cello