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Chamber music highlight and family concert in Andermatt

Bernhard Russi: from the ski slopes to the concert hall

Five soloists from Andermatt's orchestra in residence, Swiss Orchestra, perform chamber music at its finest. On 18 March, this ensemble, founded in 2020 under the name "Ensemble l'Airchet", will present a true rarity: a completely unknown flute concerto by the Swiss composer Edouard Dupuy. And on the next day, 19 March, Bernhard Russi transforms the Andermatt Concert Hall into a fairytale paradise, when he tells the tale of the brilliant "Carnival of the Animals" by Camille Saint-Saëns, with musical accompaniment from the Swiss Orchestra in cooperation with the Uri Music School and "Talentförderung Musik Kanton Luzern TMLU" (music talent advancement programme of Canton Lucerne), which promotes music in the canton of Lucerne. A must-see event for all ages.

The Swiss composer Edouard Dupuy was a contemporary of Mozart and Beethoven and was a big name in his day, with a successful career at the royal courts of Denmark and Sweden. Sadly, few know of him or his works today. And so for the Swiss Orchestra and its chamber soloists it is both a challenge and an honour to bring his works back to life. "His flute concerto is a real discovery", says Lena-Lisa Wüstendörfer, music director of Andermatt Music. In their chamber formation of flute, two violins, viola and cello, the five section leaders of the Swiss Orchestra also play piano music arranged for quintet by Maurice Ravel, as well as Antonín Dvořák's String Quartet No. 12, known as "The American Quartet". A chamber music highlight.

Bernhard Russi simply wanted to read fairy tales to his grandchildren. But after the great success of his performance of "Peter and the Wolf" at Andermatt last Easter in front of packed audiences, Russi returns to the concert stage. This time he tells the story of Camille Saint-Saëns' humorous "The Carnival of the Animals" – a work which the composer did not initially want published or performed. Today it is considered to be perhaps his best known and even most popular work. Andermatt Music is presenting this work as an intergenerational cooperation between the Swiss Orchestra, the Uri Music School and TMLU.

Professionals and young talents performing together

The concert will present professional musicians performing alongside talented youngsters who are just embarking on their musical training. Raphael Immoos is at the conductor's stand. He is a professor at the Academy of Music in Basel. And with his incomparable charm, Bernhard Russi, will delight children of all ages as narrator. This is a collaborative production featuring "wild and wonderful" music amidst the mountains of Central Switzerland. Suitable for children 5 years and older.

Programme, Saturday, 18 March 2023, 7.30 PM

Ensemble l'Airchet

Chamber Music

Edouard Dupuy (c. 1770-1822)

Concerto for flute in d minor, in a version for quintet
(arranged by Frederic Sánchez Muñoz)

Antonín Dvořák (1841-1904)

String Quartet No. 12 in F major, op. 96, "The American"

Maurice Ravel (1875-1937)

Sonatina, in a version for quintet (arranged by Adam Manijak)

Artists

Frederic Sánchez Muñoz, flute

Sherniyaz Mussakhan, violin

Jana Ozolina, violin

Lech Antonio Uszynski, viola

Gunta Äbele, cello

Programme, Sunday, 19 March 2023, 4.00 PM

Carnival of the Animals

Family Concert

Artists

Swiss Orchestra

Raphael Immoos, conductor

Joseph-Maurice Weder, piano

Aglaia Graf, piano

Bernhard Russi, narrator

Students of the Uri Music School and Talentförderung Musik

Kanton Luzern (music talent advancement programme of Canton
Lucerne)

Programme and tickets

<https://andermattmusic.ch/en/concerts-and-tickets/>

Andermatt Music

Andermatt Music brings music off the beaten track to Andermatt Concert Hall, Switzerland's highest concert venue. Andermatt Music presents around 20 concerts annually. This year, the Swiss conductor and musicologist Lena-Lisa Wüstendörfer has taken the helm as Artistic Director. Her programme centres on the three pillars "Swiss Orchestra – Schweizer Klassik", "World Stage – Welt Bühne" and "Local Roots – Heimat Klänge". In addition to the Swiss Orchestra as orchestra in residence, Andermatt Music features acclaimed classical music stars, world-famous orchestras and outstanding Swiss ensembles. Andermatt Music establishes the Alpine destination as a magnet for classical music fans and guests from all over the world, as well as a cultural meeting point for Central Switzerland. andermattmusic.ch

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