

## Media Release

### Changes for the concerts of the Lucerne Festival Orchestra on 21 and 24 August

#### For Yannick Nézet-Séguin who had to cancel due to illness, Yuja Wang, Gregory Ahss and Raphael Christ, as well as Jakub Hrůša will take over the musical direction

Lucerne, 19 August 2021. Yannick Nézet-Séguin had to cancel the concerts with the Lucerne Festival Orchestra on 21 and 24 August due to illness. The Lucerne Festival Orchestra and the pianist Yuja Wang will perform without conductor on Saturday, 21 August: The concert masters Gregory Ahss and Raphael Christ as well as Yuja Wang will take over the musical direction. On Tuesday, 24 August, Jakub Hrůša will conduct the Lucerne Festival Orchestra. On 21 August, the piano concerto in D minor K. 466 by Wolfgang Amadé Mozart will be performed as planned with Yuja Wang. But the concert night will open with Mozart's Overture to *The Abduction from the Seraglio* and close with Ludwig van Beethoven's Symphony No. 7 in A major which was originally planned for 24 August. On 24 August, Jakub Hrůša will conduct the Prague Symphony D-Dur by Mozart and the Symphony No. 6 op. 60 by Antonín Dvořák.

"We deeply regret the cancellation of Yannick Nézet-Séguin, who is a close friend of the festival" says Michael Haefliger, Executive and Artistic Director of Lucerne Festival. "We are now looking forward to the new, exciting constellation this coming Saturday with Gregory Ahss, Raphael Christ and our 'artiste étoile' Yuja Wang. And next Tuesday, one of the most renowned conductors of the young generation, Jakub Hrůša, will give his debut with the Lucerne Festival Orchestra! We are very glad that he was willing and ready to take this conducting job at such short notice. We wish Yannick Nézet-Séguin a speedy recovery with all our heart."

Jakub Hrůša, who will also conduct the Bamberg Symphony with Juliane Banse and Ilya Gringolts in the *räsonanz* - Donor Concert on September 6 this summer, made his debut at Lucerne Festival with the Mahler Chamber Orchestra in 2019. Born 1981 in Brno in the Czech Republic, he led the Prague Philharmonia from 2008 to 2015. This was followed by invitations to the Vienna Staatsoper and Zurich Opera, the Opéra National de Paris, Frankfurt Opera, the Royal Opera House in London. Since 2016, Hrůša has been at the helm of the Bamberg Symphony Orchestra. In recent seasons, he has introduced himself on the podium of many top international orchestras, including the Royal Concertgebouworkest, the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra, the Mahler Chamber Orchestra, the Cleveland Orchestra, the New York Philharmonic, the Berlin Philharmonic and the Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra and the Vienna Philharmonic. Hrůša's recordings with the Bamberg Symphony include a four-part Brahms-Dvořák cycle. His CD with piano concertos by Dvořák and Martinů, as well as a recording of Barber's *Vanessa* from Glyndebourne, won the BBC Music Magazine Award in 2020.

Saturday, 21 August 2021 | 18.30 | Lucerne Festival Orchestra 5

#### Lucerne Festival Orchestra

**Gregory Ahss** und **Raphael Christ** concert masters and musical direction

**Yuja Wang** piano and musical direction

**Wolfgang Amadé Mozart** Overture to *The Abduction from the Seraglio*, K. 384 (Ahss/Christ)

**Wolfgang Amadé Mozart** Concerto for piano and orchestra in D minor, K. 466 (Wang)

**Ludwig van Beethoven** Symphony No. 7 in A major, Op. 92 (Ahss/Christ)

# LUCERNE FESTIVAL

Tuesday, 24. August 2021 | 19.30 | Lucerne Festival Orchestra 6

**Lucerne Festival Orchestra**

**Jakub Hrůša** conductor

**Wolfgang Amadé Mozart** Prague Symphony D-Dur

**Antonín Dvořák** Symphony No. 6 D-Dur op. 60

The tickets remain valid for both concerts.

In the 40min on Friday, 20 August, the Lucerne Festival Orchestra will present Beethoven's Symphony No. 7.

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