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Schumann's Piano Concerto with **Martha Argerich** and the **Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen** under **Vladimir Jurowski**, as well as **Piotr Anderszewski** in concert with the **Festival Strings Lucerne**

Recitals by **Gabriela Montero**, **Evgeny Kissin**, **Daniil Trifonov**, and **Leif Ove Andsnes**
Piano Duo with **Güher** and **Süher Pekinel**

Day of the Keyboard on the theme «The Roads to Debussy»

This year's edition of the Piano Festival will open on 18 November with **Martha Argerich** performing Schumann's Piano Concerto, with the Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen conducted by Vladimir Jurowski. In the run-up to the Debussy anniversary year in 2018, the Day of the Keyboard on 19 November will be devoted to the French composer's music; it will also investigate the models who influenced his art. **Kit Armstrong**, **Sophie Pacini**, and **Yulianna Avdeeva** will be the performers for the three concerts of the Day of the Keyboard, which also includes a piano lecture on Debussy by **Martin Meyer**; he will give an additional lecture on 25 November.

The recital on 20 November will feature the Venezuelan **Gabriela Montero** in works by Schumann, Shostakovich, and Chick Corea, as well as improvisations on melodies to be sung to her by the audience. For their concert on 22 November, the Turkish twin sisters **Güher** and **Süher Pekinel** will focus on music by Mozart, Debussy, Infante, and Ravel. **Evgeny Kissin**, who last performed at the Piano Festival in 2013, will appear on 23 November in a program of Beethoven's *Hammerklavier Sonata* and Rachmaninoff *Préludes*. On 24 November **Daniil Trifonov** will play works by Chopin, as well as variations on and homages to Chopin by Rachmaninoff, Schumann, Grieg, Barber, Tchaikovsky, and Mompou. The Norwegian **Leif Ove Andsnes** offers a program combining rarities and familiar works on 25 November, from Beethoven through Schubert, Chopin, and Sibelius to Jörg Widmann. Later that evening, the spotlight will be given to **jazz** with «The Big Wig.» First introduced during the 2015 Summer Festival, this concert project, which features Andreas Schaerer, Hildegard Lernt Fliegen, and the Orchestra of Lucerne Festival Alumni conducted by Mariano Chiacchiarini, will return to Lucerne as part of a current tour. In a concert titled **Hommage à Claudio Abbado** on 26 November, the Karajan Academy of the Berlin Philharmonic led by Stanley Dodds, along with the soprano Rinnat Moriah and the pianist Jean-Frédéric Neuburger, will commemorate the late conductor, who died in 2014. For the Festival's concluding event on 26 November, the pianist **Piotr Anderszewski** will appear in concert with the Festival Strings Lucerne to perform two piano concertos, one each by Mozart and Haydn. The pianists **Christopher Park**, **Aglaia Graf**, and **Beatrice Rana** are the artists on the Debut series who will make their first appearance at the Festival. The master class in piano will take place from 22 to 25 November, in collaboration with the Hochschule Luzern – Musik. This year's edition will be led by the legendary Hungarian educator **Ferenc Rados**. The master class's closing concert is scheduled for 25 November in Meggen.

Piano Off-Stage, from 22 to 26 November, brings eight internationally renowned jazz pianists to Lucerne to perform in the city's restaurants and bars. The lineup includes Lluís Coloma, Alessandro d'Episcopo, Addison Frei, Maurice Imhof, Olaf Polziehn, Ayako Shirasaki, Rossano Sportiello, and Tommy Weiss. Opening night for Piano Off-Stage takes place on 21 November in the KKL's Lucerne Hall. Admission is free.

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