

**"Music for Future" – Focus on the Young Generation of Musicians  
11 to 15 August 2020**

"Music for Future" is the name of the new festival preceding the Festival, which will be inaugurated this summer. Its focus is on the young generation of artists. Starting on 11 August, three days before the official opening of the Summer Festival, the platform will be given over exclusively to young musicians from all over the world.

"Music for Future" thus builds on the numerous projects that Lucerne Festival has devoted to promoting young musicians since the beginning of Michael Haefliger's directorship. Since 2004, young orchestral musicians, composers, and conductors have been trained in the field of 20th- and 21st-century music at the Lucerne Festival Academy; the Debut series introduces the most sought-after young soloists to the public each year; the "Credit Suisse Young Artist Award" and "Prix Credit Suisse Jeunes Solistes" prizes pave the way for young soloists to pursue international careers; and the Fritz Gerber Award enables young musicians to participate in the Lucerne Festival Academy every year.

The Russian National Youth Symphony Orchestra kicks off "Music for Future" in the KKL Concert Hall with a musical journey across 100 years of Russian music history. Leia Zhu, the 13-year-old British violinist with Chinese roots, will give a recital in the Lukaskirche on 12 August. The next day, a ten-piece ensemble from the organization Brass for Africa will give an open-air performance on the Europaplatz. Bringing with them jazzy arrangements of traditional African music, Brass for Africa is a charity organization that supports children in Africa through musical education. On 14 August, the Music Camp in cooperation with Superar Suisse will become the center of attention. This project is taking place for the third time in a row this summer. This year, in addition to instrumentalists and choral singers, young dancers will also be part of the Music Camp. They will work with 15 tutors, the conductor Gerald Wirth, and the choreographers Tamara McLorg and Royston Maldoom, who earned acclaim with the film "Rhythm Is It!" As was the case last year, members of the Lucerne Festival Orchestra are also planning to work with these young people in small workshops. On Friday, before the official opening of the Summer Festival, an open-air preview will take place on the Europaplatz. The Family Concert will then be given, as in previous years, in the KKL Concert Hall.

11 August | 19.30 | **Music for Future 1** | KKL Luzern, Lucerne Hall

**Russian National Youth Symphony Orchestra** | **Valentin Uryupin** conductor |

**Sergei Dogadin** violin

**Michael Glinka** Overture to *Ruslan and Ludmilla* | **Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky** Violin Concerto in D major, Op. 35 | **Sergei Rachmaninoff** *Symphonic Dances*, Op. 45

12 August | 19.30 | **Music for Future 2** | Lukaskirche

**Leia Zhu** violin | **TBA** piano

**Ludwig van Beethoven** Violin Sonata in D major, Op. 12, no. 1 | **Henryk Wieniawski** Variations on an Original Theme, Op. 15 | **Felix Mendelssohn** Violin Sonata in F major |

**Maurice Ravel** *Tzigane*. Rhapsody for violin and piano

13 August | 17.30 | **Music for Future 3 – Open Air** | Europaplatz

**Brass for Africa** | **Lizzie Burrowes** conductor

**"Music Gives You Perspectives"**

African melodies and brass classics



# LUCERNE FESTIVAL

14 August | 17.15 | **Music for Future 4 – Open Air** | Europaplatz

**Chorus and Orchestra of the Music Camp of Lucerne Festival** | **Gerald Wirth** conductor  
**Preview of the Family Concert**

15 August | 11.00 | **Family Concert** | KKL Luzern, Concert Hall

**Dancers, Chorus, and Orchestra of the Music Camp of Lucerne Festival** | **Gerald Wirth** conductor | **Benjamin Engeli** piano | **Royston Maldoom** and **Tamara McLorg** choreography  
**William Boyce** Symphony No. 1 in B-flat major, Op. 2 | **Ludwig van Beethoven** Finale from the *Choral Fantasy in C minor*, Op. 80 | works by additional composers

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