

LUCERNE FESTIVAL

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Preview of the 2022 Summer Festival from 9 August to 11 September

Theme of “Diversity”

Lucerne Festival Orchestra to perform with Music Director Riccardo Chailly as well as Jakub Hrůša

The Chineke! Youth Orchestra and the Chineke! Orchestra, respectively, will appear at the beginning and end of the Festival

The Lucerne Festival Academy and the LFCO will focus on the work of composer-in-residence Thomas Adès and collaborate with “artiste étoile” Tyshawn Sorey.

Both the composer and multifaceted instrumentalist Tyshawn Sorey and the soprano Angel Blue will be “artistes étoiles.”

22 orchestras will make guest appearances in Lucerne over a single month; in addition to the Berlin and Vienna Philharmonic Orchestras and the Royal Concertgebouworkest, the Cleveland Orchestra and the Philadelphia Orchestra are scheduled to appear.

Lucerne, 10 November 2021. “Diversity” is the highly topical and multi-faceted theme of the 2022 Summer Festival. This theme, which is reflected in the artistic programming, addresses social issues of our time: what role does gender, sexual orientation, or ethnic background play in musical life? Thus a focus next summer will for example be on people of color, ethnic minorities who are underrepresented in the industry. But the principle of diversity also shapes the repertoire to be heard on the summer concerts: works will be presented that in themselves are multifaceted or polystylistic, for example incorporating influences from folk music and jazz, from other eras, or even sounds from nature.

The Lucerne Festival Orchestra officially opens the Festival with Music Director Riccardo Chailly on 12 August. Leading up to the Opening, internationally renowned youth orchestras will prepare the mood for the summer of concerts as part of the “Music for Future” initiative. The youth formation of the Chineke! Orchestra, founded by Chi-Chi Nwanoku, will perform the first concert on 9 August. This will be followed by the National Youth Orchestra of the USA as well as an orchestra from Ilumina, a festival and social project that was founded in 2015 in São Paulo. The Lucerne Festival Orchestra will present a new work by Wolfgang Rihm, the Academy's Artistic Director, as part of the opening program. In addition, Anne-Sophie Mutter will perform a violin concerto by Joseph Bologne, Chevalier de Saint-Georges, in keeping with the Festival theme. Gustav Mahler's First Symphony can also be heard on the opening evening, and the following day it will be performed in combination with *Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen*, which will be sung by the young South Tyrolean baritone André Schuen. The Rachmaninoff cycle begun in 2019 continues in the Lucerne Festival Orchestra's third program, which offers the Second Piano Concerto in C minor with Denis Matsuev as the soloist and the Second Symphony in E minor. Jakob Hrůša, who made his debut with the Lucerne Festival Orchestra last summer as a stand-in with an acclaimed interpretation of Dvořák's Sixth Symphony, now returns for an evening of Czech music, presenting Dvořák's Violin Concerto with Augustin Hadelich as the soloist, the Symphony *From the New World*, and Josef Suk's *Scherzo fantastique*.

The Lucerne Festival Academy will once again welcome around 100 musicians, conductors, and composers to Lake Lucerne for three weeks starting on 12 August. The Lucerne Festival Contemporary Orchestra (LFCO) will focus intensively on the work of composer-in-residence

Thomas Adès and “artiste étoile” Tyshawn Sorey, both of whom will also collaborate as conductors with the Academy members. Conductor Elena Schwarz, a former participant in the conducting master class with Bernard Haitink, will lead the LFCO in Adès's multimedia piano concerto *In Seven Days* and a new saxophone concerto by Sorey. Adès himself conducts the world premiere of his new violin concerto for Anne-Sophie Mutter, written as part of the “Roche Commissions” series. Sylvain Cambreling conducts a jubilee concert hailing Wolfgang Rihm on his 70th birthday and Dieter Ammann on his 60th birthday, with *Sub-Kontur* by Rihm and *Core, Boost, and Turn* by Ammann. Both composers will again lead a Composer Seminar for eight international young talents in the summer of 2022. The four former Academy members and members of the JACK Quartet will return to Lucerne to perform a concert with an ensemble from the LFCO as well as an evening with Tyshawn Sorey on percussion.

Two artistic figures who are stylistically extremely versatile will take on the roles of this year's “artistes étoiles” in the summer of 2022. The New York-based Tyshawn Sorey is a drummer, pianist, trombonist, and composer: he crosses the borders between jazz and contemporary composition and performs both improvisation and scores that call for open playing instructions. The soprano Angel Blue is a regular at the most celebrated international opera houses. She will appear as a soloist in three symphony concerts: she will sing Richard Strauss's *Four Last Songs* with the Lucerne Symphony Orchestra, a new song cycle by Valerie Coleman with the Philadelphia Orchestra, and selected lieder by Alma Mahler along with Gustav Mahler's Fourth Symphony with the Bamberg Symphony Orchestra and led by Jakub Hrůša.

As an international orchestra festival, Lucerne will again be the venue presenting guest performances by the world's most renowned orchestras and soloists in the summer of 2022. The Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra with Kirill Petrenko and Tabea Zimmermann are on the roster. The Budapest Festival Orchestra will perform the first act from Wagner's *Die Walküre* under the baton of Iván Fischer, while Cleveland Orchestra will appear with Franz Welser-Möst, the Mahler Chamber Orchestra with Isabelle Faust and Antoine Tamestit, the Mariinsky Orchestra with Valery Gergiev and Daniil Trifonov, the Orchestra dell'Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia with Antonio Pappano and Elīna Garanča, Cecilia Bartoli with Les Musiciens du Prince Monaco and Gianluca Capuano, and the Philadelphia Orchestra with Yannick Nézet-Séguin, Lisa Batiashvili and Angel Blue. Haydn's *Creation* is on the Royal Concertgebouw's program under Philippe Herreweghe, the London Symphony Orchestra and Sir Simon Rattle will focus on Sibelius and Bruckner, the West-Eastern Divan Orchestra and Daniel Barenboim will collaborate with Lang Lang, and the Vienna Philharmonic will appear with Esa-Pekka Salonen and the winner of the 2020 Credit Suisse Young Artist Award Valentine Michaud. A second program by the Vienna Philharmonic will present Messiaen's *Turangalīla Symphony*, with Yuja Wang as the soloist. The Lucerne Symphony Orchestra continues its residency at the Festival with Chief Conductor Michael Sanderling. Juan Diego Flórez will perform with the Sinfonía por el Perú Youth Orchestra and Roberto González-Monjas, while Graziella Contratto will conduct the MythenEnsembleOrchestral. In the *räsonanz* - Donor Concert, which is the Festival's collaboration with the Ernst von Siemens Music Foundation, the Helsinki Philharmonic Orchestra under Susanna Mälkki will perform the piano concerto *Gran Toccata* by Dieter Ammann, with Andreas Haefliger as the soloist, as well as works by Kaija Saariaho, Per Nørgård, and Jean Sibelius. The Festival's closing concert will present the Chineke! Orchestra from England, with Kevin John Edusei on the podium and Sheku Kanneh-Mason as the soloist.

Other prominent names can be found on the Festival calendar. Among them are Igor Levit, Víkingur Ólafsson, Sir Andrés Schiff, Sol Gabetta, and Kristian Bezuidenhout. Thomas Adès and Kirill Gerstein will give a duo recital. The Debut series plans to feature trumpeter Aaron Akugbo,

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cellist Zoltán Despond, violinist Randall Goosby, pianist Mishka Rushdie Momen, violinist Samuel Nebyu, cellist Abel Selaocoe, and the Viano String Quartet.

Further information on the Festival's varied offerings, such as the Family concerts in the "Music for Future" category, "In the Streets," 40min, additional contemporary projects, and the cooperation with the Lucerne Theater will follow on 8 March 2022, when the complete summer program will be announced.

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