



Live classical music in special locations: digital living room concerts with *star*

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Elmshorn, 24th of August 2020 – For the fifth time, Chopin fans will be able to enjoy the most beautiful classical music in spite of the coronavirus crisis, thanks to Hamburg and Sachsenwald Chopin Society and ORLEN Deutschland. The digital live concert, featuring young pianists Malte Henrik Gohr and Lysander Burleigh, will take place in a unique location: Hamburg sculptor Jan de Weryha's studio. The performance will be broadcast from the studio via live video stream, starting at 8:15 pm on 28th of August 2020 (www.chopin-hamburg.de).

ORLEN Deutschland, the subsidiary company of the largest enterprise in Central Eastern Europe (CEE) PKN ORLEN from Poland, has been Hamburg Chopin Festival's main sponsor since 2019. As a result of the coronavirus pandemic, the distinguished cultural event had to be postponed until spring 2021. Nonetheless, the company wants to continue its commitment to encouraging the cultural sector, particularly when it comes to supporting up-and-coming musicians, and is now working with the organisers to make digital live concerts a possibility. "For us, classical music is an important cultural building block that is vital to all of society, and is something that we actively support. As a company with Polish roots, we also see ourselves as ambassadors for Polish culture here in Germany", explains Oskar Skiba, Managing Director of ORLEN Deutschland GmbH and its petrol station brand *star*. "A live-streamed classical music concert is a great opportunity to open up new channels, particularly with the younger generation, and to win them over where classical music and its power to connect is concerned".

The pair of young pianists Malte Henrik Gohr (born in 2002) and Lysander Burleigh (born in 2005) have arranged a programme for the digital classical music event on 28th of August that includes pieces by Bach and the Polish pianist Chopin:

Malte Henrik Gohr will play Prelude and Fugue in B major from “The Well-Tempered Clavier” by Johann Sebastian Bach, “Wilde Jagd” from “Transcendental Études” by Franz Liszt and “Sonata No. 2” in G sharp minor, “Prelude for the Left Hand” Op. 9 No. 1 in C sharp minor and “12 Études Op. 8 No. 12” in D sharp minor, all by Alexander Scriabin.

Lysander Burleigh will present “Toccatà in E minor” by Johann Sebastian Bach, a “Scherzo” in C minor No. 3 Op. 39 and the “Nocturne in B major” Op. 62 No. 1 by Frédéric Chopin, Maurice Ravel’s “Jeux d’eau” in E major and Frédéric Chopin’s “12 Etudes” Op. 25 (No. 1 in A flat major “Aeolian Harp” and No. 9 in G flat major “Butterfly”) and, to conclude, “12 Etudes Op. 10” (No. 12 in C minor “Revolutionary Etude”).

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