

Violin superstar Anne-Sophie Mutter to perform in November

Internationally recognised as one of the world's finest violinists, Anne-Sophie Mutter will return to Hong Kong in November for a not-to-be-missed recital with her long-time partner Lambert Orkis. The recital is part of the celebration events to mark the 30th anniversary of the Hong Kong Cultural Centre (HKCC).

The all-Beethoven programme will include the violin sonatas No. 4, No. 5 ("Spring") and No. 9 ("Kreutzer"). The recital will be staged at 8pm on November 27 (Wednesday) at the Concert Hall of the HKCC.

Anne-Sophie Mutter is a musical phenomenon. For more than 40 years the virtuoso has been a fixture in all the world's major concert halls, making her mark on the classical music scene as a soloist, mentor and visionary.

Since her recital debut at the 1976 Lucerne Festival and solo debut with the Berliner Philharmoniker under Herbert von Karajan at the 1977 Salzburg Whitsun Festival, Mutter has frequently performed with the world's greatest orchestras. These have included the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra, the New York Philharmonic, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and the London Symphony Orchestra. She has also collaborated with the most prominent composers and musicians of our time.

The four-time Grammy Award winner is as equally committed to the great classical works as to the future of music by performing world premieres of 26 works. She has received international awards and honours, including the Polish Gloria Artis Gold Medal for Merit to Culture, the Romanian Order of Cultural Merit in the rank of Grand Officer, the insignia of a Commander of the French Order of Arts and Literature and the International Ernst von Siemens Music Prize.

The musical interests of Lambert Orkis encompass traditional and contemporary music performed on modern and period instruments. For more than 30 years, he has appeared with Mutter to capacity audiences in the world's finest performance venues and has performed internationally as an orchestral soloist. He is a member of the United States' Kennedy Center Chamber Players and is the Principal Keyboard of the National Symphony Orchestra. In acknowledgment of his accomplishments, Orkis was honoured with the Cross of the Order of Merit by the Federal Republic of Germany.

"Encore Series: Violin Recital by Anne-Sophie Mutter" is presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. Tickets priced at \$250, \$400, \$550, \$700 and \$880 will be available from August 10 (Saturday) onwards at URBIX (www.urbtix.hk). For telephone credit card bookings, please call 2111 5999. For programme enquiries and concessionary schemes, please call 2268 7321 or visit

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