

Violinist Janine Jansen and pianist Alexander Gavrylyuk to perform in September

The highly acclaimed Dutch violinist Janine Jansen will collaborate with Ukrainian-Australian pianist Alexander Gavrylyuk for a duo recital in Hong Kong in September.

The recital will be staged at 8pm on September 23 (Sunday) at the Concert Hall of Hong Kong City Hall. The duo programme is full of nuance and virtuosity, including sonatas by Schumann, Brahms and Franck, as well as Clara Schumann's "Three Romances".

Born in Soest, the Netherlands, Janine Jansen began playing violin at the age of 6. Her Concertgebouw debut in 1997 made her famous in Holland and she was named a BBC New Generation Artist after her London debut with Vladimir Ashkenazy conducting the London Philharmonia Orchestra in 2002. In 2003, Jansen received the Dutch Music Prize from the Ministry of Culture – the highest distinction in the Netherlands – and won the Edison Classic Public Award (the Netherlands) four times. She has also won the ECHO Klassik award (Germany), the Royal Philharmonic Society Instrumentalist Award (the UK), the Preis der Deutschen Schallplattenkritik (Germany), the NDR Musikpreis for outstanding artistic achievement (Germany) and the Concertgebouw Prize (the Netherlands).

Born in 1984, Alexander Gavrylyuk took both the coveted Gold Medal and the award for Best Performance of a Classical Concerto at the internationally renowned Arthur Rubinstein International Piano Master Competition in 2005. Since his debut in 2010 with the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, Gavrylyuk has appeared with the philharmonic orchestras of New York, Los Angeles, Warsaw, Moscow and Rotterdam. His solo recitals in Moscow Conservatory's Grand Hall and London's Wigmore Hall have also been highly acclaimed.

"Encore Series: Violin and Piano Duo Concert by Janine Jansen and Alexander Gavrylyuk" is presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. Tickets priced at \$200, \$280, \$350 and \$420 are now available 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 www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/music/programs_476.html.

A pre-concert talk entitled "The Succession in a Musical Romance" (to be conducted in Cantonese) will be held at 6.45pm at the North Committee Room, 7/F, High Block, Hong Kong City Hall. The speaker will be Calvin Lai. Admission is free with limited seats available on a first-come, first-served basis.