

UBS Soundscapes: Lang Lang, 18 – 26 April 2009 - A major London Symphony Orchestra project

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The LSO and UBS are delighted to welcome sensational pianist Lang Lang to the Barbican and LSO St Luke's in an artist portrait series to celebrate the LSO and UBS partnership, UBS Soundscapes.

PIANO EXTRAVAGANZA WITH 100 YOUNG PIANISTS

(<http://lso.co.uk/detailedeventinfo&detailid=4864&showdetailstype=event>)

Saturday 18 April 2009, 10am – 5pm, LSO St Luke's

A Piano Extravaganza led by international soloist Lang Lang. The day offers activities for pianists of all abilities: a morning workshop with 100 pianists learning Schubert's Marche Militaires, and an inspirational masterclass in the afternoon with aspiring young pianists from the Guildhall School.

LANG LANG PERFORMS BARTOK PIANO CONCERTO NO 2

(<http://lso.co.uk/detailedeventinfo&detailid=4598&showdetailstype=event>)

Monday 20 April 2009, 7.30pm, Barbican Hall

Lang Lang and the LSO perform Bartok Piano Concerto No 2 conducted by Daniel Harding in a programme that also includes Bruckner Symphony No 5.

TAN DUN CONDUCTS LANG LANG AND LSO IN UK PREMIERE OF HIS PIANO CONCERTO

(<http://lso.co.uk/detailedeventinfo&detailid=4510&showdetailstype=event>)

Tuesday 21 April 2009, 7.30pm, Barbican Hall

Lang Lang performs the UK premiere of Tan Dun's Piano Concerto which he premiered with the New York Philharmonic in April 2008. The LSO also performs Mahler Symphony No 1, conducted by Daniel Harding, and Tan Dun's Internet Symphony Eroica – which the LSO recorded especially for the YouTube Symphony Orchestra. The first performance of the work will place in New York six days earlier.

Also part of Barbican Great Performers 2008-2009 and Beyond the Wall - Barbican's exploration of Chinese music (March-May 2009).

UBS SOUNDSCAPES ECLECTICA: DRAGON SONGS

(<http://lso.co.uk/detailedeventinfo&detailid=4727&showdetailstype=event>)

Thursday 23 April 2009, 8pm, LSO St Luke's

Lang Lang piano

Cheng Yu pipa/lute

Sun Zhuo guzheng/zither

Hu Bin erhu/fiddle

Zhou Jinyan yangqin/dulcimer

The UBS Soundscapes: Eclectica series brings to audiences an appealing mixture of international musicians presenting the widest range of musical styles, in the unique ambience of LSO St Luke's, the UBS and LSO Music Education Centre. We are delighted to welcome Lang Lang as part of the series, presenting hauntingly beautiful, contemplative music as well as lively new pieces played on piano, pipa, guzheng, erhu and yangqin. This is a new collaboration between classical virtuoso Lang Lang, the London-based

Chinese quartet Silk Strings and composer Raymond Yiu (graduate of the LSO Discovery Panufnik Young Composers Scheme), mixing traditional Chinese music with their own ravishing contemporary interpretations – including such evocative titles as Spring Flowers in the Moonlit Night on the River and At Night on the Lake Beneath the Maple Bridge.

ARTIST CONVERSATION WITH LANG LANG & LSO VIOLINIST DAVID ALBERMAN

(<http://Iso.co.uk/detailedeventinfo&detailid=4866&showdetailstype=event>)

Friday 24 April 2009, 6.30pm, LSO St Luke's

Join LSO violinist David Alberman for an intimate question and answer session with Lang Lang, who among other things will be discussing his series of performances with the LSO, and what it's like to be a global musical phenomenon. The conversation will also be streamed live over the internet. If you are unable to attend in person log on to Iso.co.uk/langlang to watch or submit a question for Lang Lang.

LANG LANG PERFORMS SOLO RECITAL (<http://Iso.co.uk/detailedeventinfo&detailid=4511&showdetailstype=event>)

Sunday 26 April 2009, 7.30pm, Barbican Hall

Programme to be confirmed

Also part of Barbican Great Performers 2008-2009.

Tickets to LSO Barbican concerts: £7 - £35

Tickets to UBS Soundscapes: Eclectica, LSO St Luke's: £7 £14 £21

Secure online booking at Iso.co.uk

Box office: 020 7638 8891 (9am – 8pm Mon–Sat, 11am – 8pm Sun, £2 booking fee)

In person at the Advance Box Office in the Barbican centre

(Mon-Sat 9am – 9pm; Sun 12pm – 9pm)

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Note to Editors:

Lang Lang (<http://www.langlang.com/landing>)

Heralded as the “hottest artist on the classical music planet” by the New York Times, 26-year-old Lang Lang has played sold out recitals and concerts in every major city in the world and is the first Chinese pianist to be engaged by the Berlin Philharmonic, the Vienna Philharmonic and the top American orchestras. In August 2008, over 5 billion people viewed Lang Lang's performance in Beijing's opening ceremony for the Games of the XXIX Olympiad where he was seen as a symbol of the youth and future of China. He has played with the world's best orchestras and with the most renowned conductors, including Maestros Ashkenazy, Barenboim, Boulez, Chailly, Sir Colin Davis, Dutoit, Eschenbach, Gergiev, Jansons, Levine, Mehta, Maazel, Welser-Möst, Muti, Nagano, Ozawa, Sir Simon Rattle, Salonen, Slatkin, Temirkanov and Tilson-Thomas.

UBS Soundscapes

UBS Soundscapes is an award-winning programme created by the London Symphony Orchestra. Like UBS's own

business, the partnership with the LSO is both local and international in its reach, focusing on three broad strands: world-class performances, nurturing talent and connecting communities.

UBS's long-standing commitment to orchestral music extends to LSO concerts at London's Barbican and to the LSO's international touring. Support for the rich and diverse UBS Soundscapes: Eclectica series at LSO St Luke's offers audiences the chance to experience world-class artists working at the cutting edge of contemporary style, crossing classical, jazz, folk, pop and world music.

Nurturing tomorrow's talent – by giving emerging composers a chance to develop new work with the Orchestra and then to see it premiered on stage at the Barbican – is at the heart of the UBS Soundscapes programme; while putting music at the centre of East London communities, through a commitment to the Orchestra's highly successful LSO Discovery education and community work means that young people can play, learn and be inspired by LSO musicians.

Local, international and musically rich and diverse, UBS Soundscapes is a multi-faceted programme that stems from a truly extraordinary partnership.