



PRESS RELEASE

The classical music stars of today and tomorrow in Bad Ragaz

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In February 2019, the who's who of classical music will be meeting in Grand Resort Bad Ragaz. 35 artists from all over the world will enthrall their audiences with their performances as part of the "VP Bank Classic Festival" from 8th to 15th February 2019. The organisers along with artistic director Drazen Domjanic and the committee of the NEXT GENERATION Festival Association once again prove their tireless quest for new and exceptional talent.

The ninth edition of the Festival Next Generation 2019 launches under the name «VP Bank Classic Festival». The Liechtenstein VP Bank has put its heart into supporting this festival for some years now; with this new name they are underlining their commitment to this engagement and cementing their collaboration with the organisers. Christoph Mauchle, Member of the Group Executive Management of VP Bank states, "We are proud to be sponsoring this unrivalled event which means we are also directly supporting the traditional culture of classical music."

Alongside many established music stars there are also several up-and-coming young artists making their way to Bad Ragaz again between 8th and 15th February 2019 to provide evidence of their skills in the Kursaal centre. The musicians show their talent and intrepid nature in their choice of pieces including the high virtuoso works of Pablo de Sarasate, Fritz Kreisler's melodies and classical pieces by Bach, Mozart and Vivaldi. In addition, there are also some pop tunes in the programme such as Jimi Hendrix's "Purple Haze" and "Sympathy for the Devil" by the Rolling Stones.

The Esperanza Ensemble and their leader Chouchane Sirannossian, recently awarded the "Opus Klassik" in Berlin, once again form an important element of the coming festival. The young talents at the "VP Bank Classic Festivals" can profit from their experience and simultaneously have the chance to show off their own talent. This is the case for the 14-year-old German born violinist Clara Shen and also her fellow countryman, 15-year-old cellist Philipp Schupelius. Some artists will come a long way to be in Bad Ragaz: Jeff Yunzhe Wu from China (violin), Eva Gevorgyan from Russia (piano) or Can Cakmur from Turkey (piano), to mention a few. As this year's "Artist in Residence", Nuron Mukumi (piano) from Germany/Uzbekistan and currently studying in Switzerland, can be heard in Grand Resort Bad Ragaz.

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Tickets are available from CHF 20.00. Entry to the Opening Concert plus aperitif costs CHF 70.00 and tickets for the finale with gala dinner are available from CHF 190.00. Guests who wish to combine this musical event with a stay in Grand Resort Bad Ragaz can book the "Special Offer VP Bank Classic Festival" from 8 February 2019 or the "VP Bank Classic Festival Package":

Special Offer VP Bank Classic Festival (valid if booking concert tickets):

- 1 night stay including extensive breakfast buffet
- Entry to Thermal Spa and legendary Helenabad pool plus access to the beloved Tamina Therme (public thermal baths)
- Welcome drink at the bar
- Daily four course lunch or dinner in the Restaurant Olives d'Or
- Price per night: from CHF 400.00 per night for a single room
from CHF 565.00 per night for a double room

VP Bank Classic Festival Package:

- 8 nights' stay including extensive breakfast buffet (Arrival 08.02., departure on 16.02.2019)
- Festival pass VP Bank Classic Festival for all 9 concerts, incl. Gala Dinner
- Entry to Thermal Spa and legendary Helenabad pool plus access to the beloved Tamina Therme (public thermal baths)
- Welcome drink at the bar
- Daily four course lunch or dinner in the Restaurant Olives d'Or
- Price per night: from CHF 470.00 per night for a single room
from CHF 690.00 per night for a double room

Further information and tickets available under www.vpbankclassicfestival.com.

About Grand Resort Bad Ragaz:

Europe's Leading Wellbeing & Medical Health Resort consists of two five-star establishments, the Grand Hotel Quellenhof & Spa Suites and the Grand Hotel Hof Ragaz. The rooms and suites, from historic and princely to ultra-modern and purist, offer guests a stylish setting for their stay in Bad Ragaz. The spa resort, which has been awarded the Wellness Destination quality seal by the Swiss Tourism Federation, is located in the Heidiland holiday region of Eastern Switzerland. Seven restaurants, with a total of 59 GaultMillau points between them and 1 Michelin star, as well as a bistro and a café provide exquisite culinary delights. In addition, the resort also boasts two golf courses, the Kursaal Business & Events Center, a broad range of cultural activities and its own Casino. Furthermore, Hotel Schloss Wartenstein has been part of the Grand Resort Bad Ragaz since 2016. The Blue Gold of Bad Ragaz, which was discovered in the nearby Tamina gorge in 1242, offers guests an extraordinary and authentic spa experience in the Thermal Spa and in Tamina Therme, the publicly accessible thermal spa. The resort also offers evidence-based medical treatments at the internationally renowned Medical Health Center and at the Swiss Olympic Medical Center. In 2014, the outpatient medical facilities were expanded to include an inpatient rehabilitation clinic. The 17 luxurious clinic rooms and outstanding range of services create the ideal conditions for a speedy recovery.

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