



BEETHOVENFEST BONN

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Hélène Grimaud cancels “Carte Blanche“

„Artist in Residence“ gives health reasons for dropping one of her three concerts at the Beethovenfest Bonn 2010

Following surgery, the pianist Hélène Grimaud has had to cancel a number of concerts in recent weeks. In the coming months too, she will have to reduce her concert appearances if she is to be conscientious about her convalescence.

Ms Grimaud deeply regrets having had to cancel, and to continue to cancel, any concerts, but hopes her audiences will understand that recovery following her operation must take priority.

Hélène Grimaud has been a regular guest at the Beethovenfest Bonn for many years. This year she is “artist in residence” with three scheduled concerts. She will be opening the Beethovenfest Bonn 2010 on 10 September together with the Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen conducted by Paavo Järvi, when she will be playing Beethoven’s Piano Concert no. 5. On 17 September she will be joining the cellist Jan Vogler in a performance of Schumann’s Fantasy Pieces for Cello and Piano in A minor op. 73, Brahms’s Sonata for Cello and Piano in E minor op. 38, and Dmitri Shostakovich’s Sonata for Cello and Piano in D minor op. 40.

For the third concert on 22 September the Beethovenfest had given the pianist carte blanche. She was to compile an exclusive programme together with musical partners of her choice. It is this concert which Hélène Grimaud has now cancelled on account of her health and the necessary severe reduction in the number of her concert appearances. Ilona Schmiel, the Intendant of the Beethovenfest, regrets this decision, but at the same time would like to express her thanks to Hélène Grimaud for still, in spite of her health, honouring two of the three scheduled concert appearances resulting from her many years of commitment to the Beethovenfest Bonn.

Tickets already purchased for 22 September can be returned to the advance-sales office from which they were bought, and the price will be refunded. The Beethovenfest requests all customers who ordered their tickets by other routes (in writing, by fax, by telephone, by e-mail or online) to return them by post to BonnTicket, Platz der Vereinten Nationen 2, 53113 Bonn, Germany, giving an account number for the refund of the admission price (including advance-booking fee). Holders of tickets for the concert on 22 September can exchange these, if they wish, for still-available tickets for Hélène Grimaud’s concert with Jan Vogler on 17 September.

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