

# HONENS MEDIA RELEASE

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### **HONENS PUSHES BOUNDARIES WITH ITS LATEST CONCERT OFFERINGS**

#### **TICKETS ON SALE NOW FOR 2013/14 ON STAGE AND BISON NOIR CONCERTS**

CALGARY, AB, September 9, 2013—Honens shakes up its concert line-up for 2013/14 by offering unique experiences for the musically curious. Tickets are on sale today for Honens On Stage concerts featuring British pianists Paul Lewis and Stephen Hough and Honens Bison Noir concerts with pianists Katherine Chi and Hinrich Alpers, and turntable artist/electro-acoustic composer Gabriel Prokofiev (grandson of Sergei) and French futuristic electro-jazz ensemble Cabaret Contemporain.

"There are now several outstanding recital series in our city. Honens aims to lead the pack by presenting memorable musical experiences," says Stephen McHolm, President & Artistic Director of Honens. "Honens On Stage lets audiences experience the talent of some of the world's biggest classical music stars in a truly unique way while Honens Bison Noir proves that classical music can be enjoyed alongside non-classical genres even amidst the clinking of beer bottles and pockets of hubbub."

Honens On Stage allows audiences to witness prominent international classical musicians up-close in performance. On Stage audiences are seated with performer on the stage of EPCOR CENTRE's Jack Singer Concert Hall for all concerts. Tickets are available exclusively for on-stage seats and in the Jack Singer's choir loft. Honens On Stage concerts are presented by TD.

A resounding hit at Honens 2012, Honens Bison Noir brings 'cool' to Calgary's classical music scene. With a nod to 'Le Poisson Rouge'—New York's 'it' venue for cutting-edge performing arts in a bar/club setting—Honens Bison Noir fuses performances of classical and post-classical music in a cabaret setting and removes formal traditions, allowing audiences to feel comfortable wearing casual clothing, getting there when they can, and not worrying about small noises made during the concert. Concerts take place at Local 522 Public Tavern and feature Laureates of the Honens Prize for Piano in collaboration with cutting-edge international guests. **See Backgrounder for concerts listings.**

Tickets to these Honens concerts range in price from \$18 to \$65 and are available online at honens.com or by calling the Honens Box Office at (403) 299-0140. Discounts are available for seniors aged 65 and older and 'A440' members, aged 18 to 39.

Honens discovers, nurtures and presents Complete Artists—21<sup>st</sup> century pianists for 21<sup>st</sup> century audiences. Honens Laureates are critically acclaimed the world-over and the triennial 'Search for the Complete Artist' awards the largest prize of its kind. Honens also presents concerts and mentorship opportunities to audiences and aspiring musicians across Canada.

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# **BACKGROUNDER**

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## **HONENS BISON NOIR: The Prokofievs**

October 5, 2013

Local 522

522 Sixth Avenue SW Calgary

10:30 p.m. doors at 9 pm

October 6, 2013

Local 522

522 Sixth Avenue SW Calgary

8:30 p.m. doors at 7 pm

KATHERINE CHI piano

GABRIEL PROKOFIEV turntables CALGARY DEBUT

SHAUNA ROLSTON cello

DONOVAN SEIDLE violin

LAURA REID violin

MICHAEL BURSEY viola

STAN CLIMIE clarinet / bass clarinet

Gabriel Prokofiev's sound—informed by a life in hip-hop, grime, and electro-acoustic music—is as distinctive as his prolific grandfather Sergei's. The genius of both game-changers is featured in this Prokofiev family Honens Bison Noir. Gabriel Prokofiev performs and DJs between live sets.

**Tickets: \$25**

## **HONENS ON STAGE: Paul Lewis**

November 6, 2013

EPCOR CENTRE's Jack Singer Concert Hall

205 Eighth Avenue SE Calgary

7:30 p.m.

PAUL LEWIS piano CALGARY DEBUT

Described by *International Record Review* as "the finest Beethoven pianist of his generation", British pianist Paul Lewis is one of today's best-loved musicians, particularly noted for his expertise in the great Viennese classics. This recital offers a chance to hear him claim new territory, with three unusual, atmospheric works by Liszt and Mussorgsky's dazzling *Pictures at an Exhibition*.

## Program

BACH / BUSONI	'Ich ruf' zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ' BWV 639
BEETHOVEN	Sonata No. 13 in E-flat major Op. 27 No. 1
BACH / BUSONI	'Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland' BWV 659
BEETHOVEN	Sonata No. 14 in C-sharp minor Op. 27 No. 2 'Moonlight'
LISZT	Schlaflos, Frage und Antwort S. 203
	Unstern! Sinistre, disastro S. 208
	Richard Wagner - Venezia S. 201
MUSSORGSKY	Pictures at an Exhibition

**Tickets:** \$65 on stage | \$18 to 35 choir loft

## HONENS ON STAGE: Stephen Hough

March 31, 2014

EPCOR CENTRE's Jack Singer Concert Hall

205 Eighth Avenue SE Calgary

7:30 p.m.

STEPHEN HOUGH piano CALGARY RECITAL DEBUT

Stephen Hough is a rare renaissance man of our time. Over the course of a long and distinguished career as one of the world's leading concert pianists, he has also excelled as a writer and composer. Hough combines an exceptional facility and tonal palette with a uniquely inquisitive musical personality, and his musical achievements have resulted in many awards and accolades for his concerts and a discography of more than 50 recordings.

## Program

SCHOENBERG	Sechs kleine Klavierstücke Op. 19
R. STRAUSS	Träumerei Op. 9 No. 4
WAGNER	In das Album der Fürstin M in C major WWV 94 (Albumblatt)
BRUCKNER	Erinnerung WAB 117
BRAHMS	Fantasien Op. 116
CHOPIN	Four Ballades

**Tickets:** \$65 on stage | \$18 to 35 choir loft

## HONENS BISON NOIR: John Cage Revisited

June 14, 2014

Local 522

522 Sixth Avenue SW Calgary

10:30 p.m. doors at 9 pm

June 15, 2014

Local 522

522 Sixth Avenue SW Calgary

8:30 p.m. doors at 7 pm

HINRICH ALPERS piano

CABARET CONTEMPORAIN CANADIAN DEBUT

After seeing Cabaret Contemporain groove at its New York debut earlier this year, Honens couldn't resist inviting the Paris-based electro-acoustic-techno-meets-acid-house ensemble to Canada for the first time. Honens Laureate Hinrich Alpers and Cabaret Contemporain both unleash the world of composer John Cage in this season closer.

**Tickets: \$25**