

PIERRE FOURNIER AWARD RECIPIENT RECITAL

Gabriel Schwabe, cello
with Nicolai Gerassimez piano

Wigmore Hall
7.30pm, Saturday 25 September 2010

Ludwig van Beethoven: Sonata No.2 Op.5 No.2 in G minor
Benjamin Britten: Suite No.1 Op. 72 for Cello solo (1964, premiere 1965)
Robert Schumann: Adagio and Allegro Op.70 (1849, premiere 1850)
Sergei Prokofiev: Sonata Op.119 (1949, premiere 1950)

The outstanding young German cellist Gabriel Schwabe will perform at the Wigmore Hall on Saturday 25 September 2010 as part of the prize he received as the latest recipient of the prestigious Pierre Fournier Award. The programme includes works by Beethoven, Britten, Schumann and Prokofiev. The concert will be professionally recorded and produced as a presentation CD.

The Pierre Fournier Award was founded in 1988 by renowned cellist Ralph Kirshbaum to honour the memory of one of the world's greatest cellists, Pierre Fournier. Auditions take place every two years. The Award, now in its 22nd year, aims to assist exceptional talent by promoting performance opportunities and by providing a professional CD recording to help further the solo careers of outstanding young cellists. In April 2010, Gabriel Schwabe presented a Pierre Fournier Award recital at the Oxford May Music festival, and he will perform the Dvorak Concerto with the Philharmonia Orchestra in February 2011.

Past recipients of the Award include Gemma Rosefield, Richard Harwood, Alice Neary, Rebecca Gilliver, Hannah Roberts, and Gregor Horsch. A number of other successful and increasingly well-known cellists have through the years received incentive grants. For the first time in 2006, and annually thereafter, the Pierre Fournier Award introduced five new study grants for promising young cellists enrolled at UK specialist music schools. These grants have helped numerous young cellists further their development and has encouraged them to aim towards participating in The Pierre Fournier Award. Trustees of the Award are Ralph Kirshbaum, Alice Neary, David Sigall, Raphael Wallfisch and Moray Welsh.

The 2011 auditions will take place in Wigmore Hall London in May 2011. The auditions will be open to participants worldwide.

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Tickets:

£22, £18, £14 and £10

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