

# Encounter with Stradivari 2018

Saturday 16 June 2018 at 18:30

Gate opens from 16:00 to 18:15

Assembly Hall Building A  
Palais des Nations 8-14, Avenue de la Paix Geneva  
Access via Pregny Gate Visitors' Entrance  
(Across from the ICRC - International Committee of the Red Cross)

Leclair: Sonata for Two Violins No. 2 in A major, Op. 3-2  
1st: Arabella Steinbacher 2nd: Svetlin Roussev

Beethoven: String Quartet No.8 in E minor Op.59, No.2 (excerpt)  
*Quartetto di Cremona*

Saint-Saëns: Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso for Violin and Piano  
*Arabella Steinbacher & Yumiko Urabe*

Moszkowski: Suite for Two Violins and Piano in G minor (excerpt)  
1st: Svetlin Roussev 2nd: Akiko Suwanai & Yumiko Urabe

Vladigerov: Song for Violin and Piano  
*Svetlin Roussev & Yumiko Urabe*

Sarasate: Navarra for Two Violins and Piano, Op.33  
1st: Akiko Suwanai 2nd: Arabella Steinbacher & Yumiko Urabe

Chausson: Concert for Violin, Piano and String Quartet  
*Akiko Suwanai, Quartetto di Cremona & Yumiko Urabe* (excerpt)

Léonard: Sérénade Humoresque à l'espagnole  
1st: Akiko Suwanai 2nd: Arabella Steinbacher  
3rd: Svetlin Roussev & Yumiko Urabe

Tickets

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## “Encounter with Stradivari”

A concert featuring the exquisite timbres of seven Stradivarius stringed instruments will be held at the Palais des Nations on 16 June 2018, to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Made by Antonio Stradivari in the northern Italian city of Cremona over 300 years ago, these instruments are renowned for their well-preserved condition and superb tonal qualities, and represent a precious global heritage.

Take advantage of this rare opportunity to hear five Stradivarius violins, one Stradivarius viola and one Stradivarius cello played by an exceptionally talented chamber ensemble and virtuoso soloists.



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The *Quartetto di Cremona*, an outstanding chamber ensemble based in the motherland of Stradivari, performs on the instruments of “Paganini Quartet” once owned by the legendary violinist Niccolò Paganini. It is one of only six Stradivarius quartets in existence.



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Svetlin Roussev plays the 1710 violin “Camposelice.” His convincing technique and expression are evidenced by his career as a concertmaster of the Suisse Romande Orchestra and the Orchestre Philharmonique de Radio France.

*The instruments are owned by the Nippon Music Foundation, which has a total of 19 Stradivarius and two Guarneri del Gesù, and they are loaned gratis to promising musicians around the world.*



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Arabella Steinbacher gracefully yet powerfully plays the 1716 violin “Booth.” She has been recognized as one of the leading soloists among her generation ever since she made her outstanding debut with the Orchestre Philharmonique de Radio France under Sir Neville Marriner in 2004.

Akiko Suwanai plays Jascha Heifetz’s beloved 1714 violin “Dolphin.” It is recognized as one of the top three violins made by Stradivari for its tonal quality and excellent condition. With Suwanai’s perfect technique and expression, “Dolphin” sounds beautiful and touches the heart.



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Yumiko Urabe, an accomplished pianist, is honorary professor of the University of Music and Performing Arts Munich. She has performed worldwide with renowned artists such as András Adorján, Lisa Batiashvili and Ana Chumachenko among others.

Note: Children under 5 will not be admitted. Entering the hall during the concert may be prohibited. Musicians and programs are subject to change. Taking photos and recording are prohibited during the concert. Food and drinks will not be served before or during the concert.

This concert is co-organized by the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and The Nippon Foundation, a Tokyo-based philanthropic organization, whose affiliates include the Nippon Music Foundation.

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