

PRESS INFORMATION

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Classical:NEXT | 30 May – 2 June 2012 | Gasteig / Munich

Classical:NEXT Announces Public Festival

Munich/Berlin: Classical:NEXT will be opening parts of their programme to the Munich public. Under the name “**Classical:NEXT goes public**”, showcase concerts, film screenings and an independent club programme will take place between 31 May and 1 June. This was announced at a press conference in Munich yesterday, when Classical:NEXT was presented to the local media. On the podium were:

- **Jennifer Dautermann**, Director of Classical:NEXT
- **Dr. Hans-Georg Küppers**, Head of Cultural Department of Munich
- **Dr. Rainer Kahleyss**, Co-Founder of CLASS, the Association of Independent Classical Labels in Germany
- **Moritz Eggert**, Munich composer and performer of modern composition.
- **Mary Nguyen-Nhu**, Director of the Independent Club-Festival "Classical Next Level"

At „Classical:NEXT goes public“ classical music professionals and the audience will meet each other. The organisers are also planning to have Munich as the venue in the coming years and would like to develop the festival part further. Director Jennifer Dautermann states:

“It is important to involve the public. For our startup-edition we therefore welcome the Munich people to have a taste of Classical:NEXT and we hope to develop and expand these offerings in the years to come.”

On 1 June 2012, showcase concerts of **four extraordinary ensembles** from three countries will take place. Sax Allemande (Germany) plays Mozart arias adapted for a saxophone trio, the Ensemble Variances (France) experiments with Mayan music, the Salzburger Hofmusik modernises 18th century music, and the Corsican vocal septet A Filetta (France) performs a newly composed requiem.

Also open to the public is the **film programme** on 31 May and 1 June, selected by IMZ International Music + Media Centre. Eight films based around classical music will be shown, live recordings from famous stages as well as musical comedy or animated opera films. The entrance to the screenings will be free.

Last but not least, an independent **club concert programme** „Classical Next Level“ will take place in the clubs Harry Klein and Bob Beaman, with a short new music concert for a young audience. Afterwards, classical music DJs will play mixes of classical recordings.

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Basic Information on Classical:NEXT:

Classical:NEXT is a new international professionals forum for classical music. From 30 May until 2 June international professionals from all sectors of the classical music scene will gather in Munich for the first edition of this new annual event – festivals, venues, publishers, labels, music educators, institutions, media, producers and, of course, classical music artists. The aim is to create cross-sector networks and to find new solutions for the future of classical music.

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