

# Press Release



## **Baltic Sea Youth Philharmonic ‘Live from the Berlin Philharmonie’ to be broadcast on Mezzo TV**

- **Soloists include global stars Valentina Lisitsa and Julia Fischer**
- **Broadcasts start on 6 May 2015 of BYP’s seminal concert from January 2014**

**Berlin, 1 May 2015.** Baltic Sea Youth Philharmonic (BYP)’s seminal concert ‘Live from the Berlin Philharmonie’ from January 2014 will be broadcast on Mezzo TV, the station of reference for classical music around the world. BYP’s Founding Conductor and Music Director, Kristjan Järvi, devised the programme of major works from composers of the Baltic Sea region, from J.S. Bach to Hugo Alfvén. Featuring classical music global stars pianist Valentina Lisitsa and violinist Julia Fischer, the electrifying concert received a rapturous reception: “*The music boils and steams like lava, repeatedly heralding the big eruption, until everything ends in a huge burst of sound. The public loved it.*” [Der Tagesspiegel]

The concert will be shown several times throughout May and, due to Mezzo’s substantial international network spanning seven time zones, will reach over 16 million households in 39 countries.

### **BYP’s Paris concert debut to be broadcast in September on Mezzo TV**

The May transmission precedes that of a special Kristjan Järvi series of broadcasts in September, which will present key concerts and interviews by the conductor, renowned for his innovative concert programmes and exhilarating live concert experiences. Highlights of the series include the broadcast of Baltic Sea Youth Philharmonic’s concert filmed at Paris’s Théâtre des Champs Elysées in March 2015, where the orchestra presented their renowned programme ‘Baltic Sea Voyage’. The original programme, which celebrates the rich musical landscape of the ten countries bordering the Baltic Sea, was met with substantial critical acclaim. Concert reviews heralded “*the programme’s excellent and careful structuring, following hot with cold, energetic with sensual, violent with passionate.*” [Bachtrack 4\*]

‘Baltic Sea Voyage’ is also available as a studio recording on renowned French record label Naïve Classique as part of the Kristjan Järvi Sound Project recording series.

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## Unique voice from the North

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## Notes for Editors:

### **Broadcast information of 'Baltic Sea Youth Philharmonic: Live from the Berlin Philharmonie' on Mezzo TV:**

6 May 2015 – 20:30  
12 May 2015 – 13:28  
16 May 2015 – 13:30  
18 May 2015 – 11:00  
28 May 2015 – 11:12  
30 May 2015 – 14:50

### **BALTIC SEA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC LIVE FROM THE BERLIN PHILHARMONIE**

**Conductor:** Kristijan Järvi

**Soloists:** Valentina Lisitsa (piano), Julia Fischer (violin)

### **PROGRAMME**

**Richard Strauss** *Don Juan*

**Sergei Rachmaninoff** Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini (Valentina Lisitsa, piano)

**Johann Sebastian Bach** Concerto for Violin and Orchestra in A-minor, BWV 1041, (Julia Fischer, violin)

Allegro

Andante

Allegro assai

**Alexander Scriabin** *Le Poème de l'Extase*

**Richard Wagner** The Ride of the Valkyries from *The Valkyrie*

**Edvard Grieg** Triumphal March from *Sigurd Jorsalfar*

**Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky** Dance of the Buffoons from *The Snow Maiden*

**Hugo Alfvén** Finale from the Ballet Suite *The Prodigal Son*

Recorded at the Berlin Philharmonie (Germany) on 22 January 2014.

Valentina Lisitsa appears courtesy of Decca Classics.

Julia Fischer appears courtesy of Unitel Classica.

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## **About the Baltic Sea Youth Philharmonic**

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## **Usedom Music Festival**

The sound of the Baltic Sea has been heard since 1994 on the island of Usedom. Every year in late summer, the Usedom Music Festival devotes itself to the rich cultural region around the Baltic Sea. The festival has presented the musical life of Russia, Poland, the Baltic States, Finland, Sweden, Norway and Denmark, as well as former Prussia. Soloists, ensembles and conductors such as Mstislav Rostropovich, Kurt Masur, Gidon Kremer, Kristjan, Paavo and Neeme Järvi, Nina Stemme, Alan Gilbert, Esa-Pekka Salonen as well as Jan Garbarek and the Esbjörn Svensson Trio have enthralled their audiences. The Peenemünde Concerts, frequently featuring the NDR Symphony Orchestra, are among the highlights of the more than 40 events presented by the Festival each year. From 19 September to 10 October 2015, the musical and cultural life of Finland will be the focus of the Festival.

[www.usedomer-musikfestival.de](http://www.usedomer-musikfestival.de)

## **Nord Stream AG**

Co-founder and lead sponsor of the Baltic Sea Youth Philharmonic, Nord Stream AG is an international joint venture established for the planning, construction and subsequent operation of a natural gas pipeline to link Russia and the European Union through the Baltic Sea. Sponsorship of the BYP is part of Nord Stream's programme of cultural, scientific and environmental initiatives that benefit the Baltic Sea region. Nord Stream AG stands for sustainable development, environmental, economic and social responsibility in the energy sector. The idea of a Baltic youth orchestra struck a chord with Nord Stream immediately: like Nord Stream the BYP would be innovative, cross-cultural and only made possible through teamwork and close collaboration across frontiers.

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