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Baltic Sea Youth Philharmonic's acclaimed Paris debut to be broadcast by MEZZO TV from 21 September

- **BYP's Paris debut at Théâtre des Champs-Élysées from March 2015**
- **'Baltic Sea Voyage' programme of Beethoven, Sibelius, Pärt, Stenhammar, Nielsen, Handel, Rimsky-Korsakov, Gelgotas, Kalnins and Kilar**
- **MEZZO audience includes 18 million subscribers across 44 countries**

Berlin, 2 September 2015. Eighteen million people across 44 countries will have the opportunity to experience the Baltic Sea Youth Philharmonic's acclaimed Paris debut in March 2015, when the MEZZO network broadcasts a recording of the performance, from 21 September. The concert, which took place at the city's beautiful Théâtre des Champs-Élysées, presented the programme from the orchestra's recent CD release, 'Baltic Sea Voyage', conceived and conducted by Founding Conductor and Music Director, Kristjan Järvi. Works by Beethoven, Sibelius, Pärt, Stenhammar, Nielsen, Handel, Rimsky-Korsakov, Gelgotas, Kalninš and Kilar displayed the full range of the orchestra's talents and those of the composers of the Baltic Sea region.

'Spirit and energy'

The Paris performance received rave reviews at the time, with [Bachtrack's](#) Leopold Tobisch writing: 'This concert was exemplary of an ideal concert programme, both playful and serious at the same time... Full of strength and orchestral balance, there was no hint of this being a "youth" orchestra lacking the maturity of a professional orchestra... With impressive technique, the violin, clarinet, and flute solos were all perfectly executed, with clear motivation throughout the orchestra... Anyone who judges this orchestra by their age is a fool: the only thing youthful about this orchestra is their spirit and energy.'

Concert 'Live from the Berlin Philharmonie' also on MEZZO again

MEZZO is a French television station, launched in 1992 to broadcast classical, jazz and world music, which now transmits across 44 countries to 18 million subscribers. In May 2015, it broadcast BYP's January 2014 concert 'Live from the Berlin Philharmonie', featuring global classical music stars pianist Valentina Lisitsa and violinist Julia Fischer. MEZZO will present that performance again in September, alongside the Paris concert, as part of a special focus on Kristjan Järvi, offering performances and an interview with him on 'MEZZO Voce'.

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'Baltic Sea Voyage'

The programme for the Paris concert is also available as a studio recording on French record label Naïve Classique, 'Baltic Sea Voyage', as part of the Kristijan Järvi Sound Project recording series. Robert Hugill of *Planet Hugill* wrote of the release: 'This disc is a brilliant showcase for Kristijan Järvi's Baltic Sea Youth Philharmonic and throughout the orchestra plays with a fine combination of technical finesse and emotional depth. The disc showcases a real variety of styles and the young players respond to each of them, bringing a vitality and intensity to the music.'

Unique voice from the North

Founded in 2008 by the Usedom Music Festival and Nord Stream AG, the Baltic Sea Youth Philharmonic features musicians aged 18-28 from, or studying in, the ten countries bordering the Baltic Sea. Retaining national specialities but opening up to international perspective, the musicians share their influence, knowledge and perspective to create a unique voice for the region. More than a youth orchestra, it is a project for cultural and social integration and cooperation to create unity in a historically divided region. In 2015, BYP is supported by its co-initiator and main sponsor, Nord Stream AG, operator of the natural gas pipeline through the Baltic Sea, as well as Saipem, one of the global leaders in the engineering & construction and drilling businesses, as sponsor.

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Broadcast information of 'Baltic Sea Youth Philharmonic: Live from the Théâtre des Champs-Élysées' on Mezzo TV:

Monday, 21 September 2015, 8.30 pm
Friday, 25 September 2015, 9.30 am
Sunday, 27 September 2015, 2:52 pm
Saturday, 3 October 2015, 1.30 pm

BALTIC SEA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC
LIVE FROM THE THÉÂTRE DES CHAMPS-ÉLYSÉES
Conductor: Kristijan Järvi

PROGRAMME

Ludwig von Beethoven (Germany): Overture from *Die Geschöpfe des Prometheus*
Jean Sibelius (Finland): *Karelia* Suite (Excerpt)
Wojciech Kilar (Poland): *Orawa*
Wilhelm Stenhammar (Sweden): "Mellanspel" from *Sangen*, Op. 44
Carl Nielsen (Denmark): Overture from *An Imaginary Journey to the Faroe Islands*

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Edvard Grieg (Norway): “Triumphal March” from *Sigurd Jorsalfar*, Op. 56

Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov (Russia): Capriccio Espagnol Op. 34

Arvo Pärt (Estonia): *Cantus in memoriam Benjamin Britten*

Gediminas Gelgotas (Lithuania): *Never Ignore the Cosmic Ocean*

Imants Kalniņš (Latvia): I. Allegretto, Symphony No. 4 “Rock Symphony”

Recorded at the Théâtre des Champs-Élysée, Paris (France) on 31 March 2015.

Notes for editors

About the Baltic Sea Youth Philharmonic

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About the 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

About 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. www.nord-stream.com