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Additional Concert with Daniel Barenboim on August 14 West-Eastern Divan Orchestra Plays in Memory of the Victims of Beirut

Audiences return to the Pierre Boulez Saal: even before the official start of the new season, the West-Eastern Divan Orchestra conducted by Daniel Barenboim performs in Berlin's chamber music hall. The two originally scheduled concerts sold out within minutes. Now an additional date on August 14 at 9.45 pm has been spontaneously arranged in order to offer as many Berliners as possible the chance to experience a live concert in times of reduced audience numbers. The program includes works by Ludwig van Beethoven, Richard Wagner, Arnold Schoenberg, and Pierre Boulez. Tickets go on sale today at 2 pm. Due to social distancing requirements, only a limited number of seats will be available, and special hygiene measures, closely coordinated with the authorities, will be implemented. The musicians of the West-Eastern Divan Orchestra and Daniel Barenboim dedicate these performances to the Lebanese people and to the victims of the Beirut explosion.

For more than 20 years, the West-Eastern Divan Orchestra has been a significant presence on the international music scene. In 1999, Daniel Barenboim and the late Palestinian literary scholar Edward W. Said created an orchestra to promote a dialogue between the different cultures of the Middle East through music-making and co-existence. An equal number of Israeli and Arab musicians form the base of the orchestra, together with a group of Turkish and Iranian members. The idea of the West-Eastern Divan Orchestra inspired the creation of the Barenboim-Said Akademie in Berlin, which has been open to talented young musicians primarily from the countries of the Middle East and Northern Africa since 2015. The Akademie is also home to the Pierre Boulez Saal, a chamber music hall that opened in March 2017.

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Thursday, 13 August 2020, 19:30

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WEST-EASTERN DIVAN ORCHESTRA

Tomer Amrani – Flute

RICHARD WAGNER
Siegfried Idyll

ARNOLD SCHOENBERG
Chamber Symphony for 15 Solo Instruments Op. 9

PIERRE BOULEZ
Mémoriale (... explosante-fixe ... Originel) for Flute and Ensemble

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN
Große Fuge B-Dur op. 133 (Fassung für Orchester)

Please do not hesitate to contact us at any time concerning tickets and other requests:

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