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Volodja Balzalorsky and Jaksa Zlatac To Perform AT SXSW Festival 2008

Cantabel Productions is pleased to present its first-ever showcase at one of American's largest music festivals South by Southwest (SXSW) featuring renowned Slovenian/Croatian artists: the violinist **Volodja Balzalorsky** and the pianist **Jaksa Zlatac** (March 14, St. Davids Church at 8pm). [Click for official SXSW info](#)

This showcase will feature two first performances in USA: Sonata for violin and piano No.1 (1974) by renowned Croatian contemporary composer Anđelko Klobučar (1931) and Something wild for violin solo (1988) by renowned Slovenian contemporary composer Nenad First (1964).

The showcase program includes also famous works for violin and piano by Robert Schumann, Johannes Brahms and Ernest Bloch.

PROGRAM

Robert Schumann - Three Romances op. 95
Moderato
Semplice con sentimento
Moderato

Anđelko Klobučar (Croatia) - Sonata for violin and piano No.1, written 1974, (first performance in USA)
Allegro
Andante
Vivace

Ernest Bloch - From Baal Shem Suite
Vidui
Nigun

Nenad First (Slovenia) - Something Wild for violin solo, written 1988 (first performance in USA)

Maurice Ravel - Habanera

Johannes Brahms - Scherzo in C minor op. posth

VOLODJABALZALORSKY is an internationally acclaimed concert violinist who has performed as a soloist, recitalist and chamber musician

in many music festivals and concert series throughout Europe, and North America. He performs with several well-known international groups and ensembles. Volodja Balzalorsky is also Professor of Violin at Music Academy of University of Ljubljana. Numerous highly praised concerts (international festivals and concert series), broadcasts, CD and TV recordings in various countries, have established his reputation as an artist with a sensitive, intelligent, and intuitive gift of interpretation, a polished technique, and a rich, full tone.

AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS:

Inland Empire Music Award 2008 - Best International Artist

The Ontario Independent Music Award 2007 - Best International Artist

The Canary Islands Music Award 2007-Category:

Interpretation-Instrumental (Sonata in A major by Cesar Franck).

The Los Angeles Music Award 2007 Nominee - classical.

Julij Betetto Music Award 2006 - the highest music award in Slovenia for classical music.

NEW RELEASES at Cantabel label: July-September 2007 Volodja Balzalorsky Live in Concert Vol. 1- 4 (4 albums) now available on iTunes, Amazon, Sony Connect, eMusic and worldwide through IODA digital distribution, CD Baby and Eroica Classical Recordings.

JAKSA ZLATAR is one of the leading Croatian pianists. He is Professor of piano and piano teaching methods at music academies in Zagreb and Ljubljana. Jaksa Zlatar is particularly active in the field of chamber music. Apart from being a performing artist, Mr. Zlatar has held seminars on piano teaching and has been a member of juries at international piano competitions. He is Artistic director of the Croatian Youth Music Scene and the vice-president of EPTA-Croatia . He has won several awards which the award "Svetislav Stancic" stand out.

As a DUO, Volodja Balzalorsky and Jaksa Zlatar appeared for the first time in 2001. They have been a regular guests at international music festivals and concert series in Croatia, Slovenia, Italy and Portugal.

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