

Barenboim-Said



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Daniel Barenboim and the West-Eastern Divan mark 10th anniversary of creation of orchestra with a European tour

The West-Eastern Divan Orchestra celebrates its 10th anniversary with a tour of some of Europe's most prestigious concert halls and festivals.

The tour will include performances in Seville, Madrid, San Sebastián, Geneva and Bayreuth as well as a residency at the Salzburg Festival and a series of concerts at the BBC Proms in London.

As the West-Eastern Divan Orchestra celebrates its 10th anniversary, it is remembering and honoring Edward Said. The West-Eastern Divan concert in Geneva on August 7th will therefore be dedicated Edward Said, and since he was one of Jerusalem's most celebrated sons, to "Jerusalem: Arab Cultural Capital 2009." Daniel Barenboim and Mariam Said will read poetry about Edward Said and Jerusalem, and Michael Barenboim and Karim Said, respectively the son and nephew of the founders of the orchestra, will perform as soloists.

The tour opens with two concerts in Seville on August 2nd and 3rd, followed by performances in Madrid, San Sebastián and Geneva before travelling to Salzburg, where the West-Eastern Divan is once again orchestra-in-residence. The orchestra will then perform at the Bayreuth Festival on August 19th before returning to the BBC Proms in London for concerts at the Royal Albert Hall on August 21st and 22nd. (Please see the tour schedule below for more details).

This year's broad repertoire includes symphonic, chamber music and opera programs.

- The symphonic program consists of Berlioz's *Symphonie Fantastique*, Liszt's *Les Préludes* and Wagner's *Vorspiel und Liebestod* from *Tristan und Isolde*.
- *Concertante* performances of Beethoven's opera, *Fidelio*, will be presented with texts written by Edward Said and soloists Waltraud Meier, Simon O'Neill, Peter Mattei, Sir John Tomlinson, Adriana Kucerova, Stephan Rügamer and Viktor Rud.
- The chamber music performances in Salzburg and London include works by Mendelssohn, Berg, Schönberg and a Boulez program with conducting shared by Daniel Barenboim and Pierre Boulez.

The West-Eastern Divan launched its 10th anniversary with an acclaimed tour in January of this year with concerts in Berlin, Moscow, Vienna and Milan.

About the West-Eastern Divan Orchestra

Founded in 1999 by the acclaimed Israeli conductor and pianist Daniel Barenboim and the late Palestinian literary scholar Edward Said, the West-Eastern Divan Orchestra brings together musicians from Israel, Palestine, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt – joined by a number of musicians from Iran, Turkey and Spain – with the aim to perform music and promote reflection and understanding. They meet each summer in Seville, Spain, for a workshop, where rehearsals are complemented by lectures and discussions and followed by an international concert tour.

Since 2002 the workshop and orchestra is based in Seville and is funded by the regional government of Andalusia (Junta de Andalucía). The Barenboim-Said Foundation was established in 2004 and hosts various music education projects in Palestine, Israel and an Academy for orchestral studies in Sevilla.

The West-Eastern Divan Orchestra has proved time and again that music can break down barriers previously considered insurmountable. Through its work and existence, it demonstrates that bridges can be built to encourage people to listen to the narrative of the other. While music alone cannot resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict, it grants the individual the right and obligation to express himself fully while listening to his neighbor. Based on this notion of equality, cooperation and justice for all, the orchestra represents an alternative model to the current situation in the Middle East.

All further information at: www.west-eastern-divan.org

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West-Eastern Divan Orchestra Summer Tour 2009

02.08.09 - Seville

Teatro de la Maestranza

Franz Liszt : *Les Préludes*

Richard Wagner: *Vorspiel und Liebestod* (from *Tristan und Isolde*)

Hector Berlioz : *Symphonie Fantastique*

03.08.09 - Seville

Teatro de la Maestranza

Ludwig v. Beethoven: *Fidelio*

05.08.09 - Madrid

Puerta del Angel

Franz Liszt : *Les Préludes*

Hector Berlioz : *Symphonie Fantastique*

06.08.09 - San Sebastián

Kursaal

Franz Liszt : *Les Préludes*

Richard Wagner: *Vorspiel und Liebestod* (from *Tristan und Isolde*)

Hector Berlioz : *Symphonie Fantastique*

07.08.09 - Geneva

Victoria Hall

Concert remembering Edward Said and in honor of "Jerusalem: Arab Cultural Capital 2009".

Alban Berg: *Chamber Concerto for piano, violin and 13 wind instruments*

Karim Said, Piano

Michael Barenboim, Violin

Hector Berlioz : *Symphonie Fantastique*

12.08.09 - Salzburg

Grosses Festspielhaus

Ludwig v. Beethoven: *Fidelio*

13.08.09 - Salzburg

Grosse Universitätsaula

Master class with Daniel Barenboim

14.08.09 - Salzburg

Grosses Festspielhaus

Franz Liszt : *Les Préludes*

Richard Wagner: *Vorspiel und Liebestod* (from *Tristan und Isolde*)

Hector Berlioz: *Symphonie Fantastique*

15.08.09 - Salzburg

Grosses Festspielhaus

Ludwig v. Beethoven: *Fidelio*

16.08.09 - Salzburg

Mozarteum - Chamber music concert I

Pierre Boulez: *Messagesquise (1976-77) for solo cello and six cellos*

Hassan Moataz El Molla: Cello solo

Daniel Barenboim, Conductor

Pierre Boulez: *Anthèmes for solo violin*

Michael Barenboim, Violin

Pierre Boulez: *Le marteau sans maître*

Members of the West-Eastern Divan Orchestra

Hilary Summers, Contralto

Pierre Boulez, Conductor

16.08.09 - Salzburg

Mozarteum - Chamber music concert II

Alban Berg: *Chamber Concerto for piano, violin and 13 wind instruments*

Karim Said, Piano

Michael Barenboim, Violin

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy: *Octet in E flat major for strings op. 20*

Led by Guy Braunstein, Violin

Arnold Schönberg: *Chamber Symphony no. 1 in E major op. 9 for 15 solo instruments*

Daniel Barenboim, Conductor

19.08.09 - Bayreuth

Stadthalle

Franz Liszt : *Les Préludes*

Richard Wagner: *Vorspiel und Liebestod* (from *Tristan und Isolde*)

Hector Berlioz : *Symphonie Fantastique*

21.08.09 - London

Royal Albert Hall, BBC Proms

Franz Liszt : *Les Préludes*

Richard Wagner: *Vorspiel und Liebestod* (from *Tristan und Isolde*)

Hector Berlioz : *Symphonie Fantastique*

21.08.09 - London

Royal Albert Hall, BBC Proms - Late Night Chamber Music Concert

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy: *Octet in E flat major for strings op. 20*

Led by Guy Braunstein, Violin

Alban Berg: *Chamber Concerto for piano, violin and 13 wind instruments*

Karim Said, Piano

Michael Barenboim, Violin

22.08.09 - London

Royal College of Music - Chamber Music Concert

Pierre Boulez: *Messagesquise (1976-77) for solo cello and six cellos*

Hassan Moataz El Molla, Cello solo

Daniel Barenboim, Conductor

Pierre Boulez: *Anthèmes for solo violin*

Michael Barenboim, Violin

22.08.09 - London

Royal Albert Hall, BBC Proms

Ludwig v. Beethoven: *Fidelio*