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World-class violinist Nicola Benedetti donates her talent to a Korean school

During her visit to Korea, world-class violinist Nicola Benedetti will be voluntarily donating her time and talent to children in an elementary school in Seoul.

Forming part of the “Rhapsody in School International” project, such activities give schoolchildren the opportunity to encounter world-class musicians in person, under the motto “Meet musicians close at hand”. A great number of well-known professional artists have participated in this project, donating their talent to youth education.

Ever since world-class pianist Lars Vogt launched the “Rhapsody in School” idea in 2005, a multitude of classical music stars have joined the project; thus pointing music education in Germany and Europe in a new direction. “Rhapsody in School International” is destined to play a major role in providing children world-wide with cultural education, since music is often still a blind spot of schoolteaching in many countries.

Nicola Benedetti will bring the Gariel Stradivarius (c. 1717) violin to the schools and play music together with the schoolchildren.

A Scottish violinist, Nicola Benedetti started playing violin at age 4 and was selected as BBC Young Musician of the Year at age 16. Her latest album, “The Silver Violin”, reached No. 32 on the UK Official Album Chart.

Schedule overview:

Gaewha Elementary School

- Participants: Students in grades 3-6 of Gaewha Elementary School who wish to participate in the master class and who are learning a string instrument.

- Date and time: (2 classes) 10:00 to 10:40 / 10:50 to 11:30 on Thursday 14 February 2013

- Performer: Nicola Benedetti (violin)

- 10:00 to 10:40: 25 active participants of students of grade 3-4
 55 passive participants
 (80 students in total)

- 10:40 to 11:30: 25 active participants of students of grade 5-6
 75 passive participants
 (100 students in total)