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THE VERBIER FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES LATEST PROGRAMME CHANGES

July 18, 2021 – VERBIER (Switzerland) – The Verbier Festival launched on Friday with two inspirational performances by the Verbier Festival Chamber Orchestra, conductor Valery Gergiev, and guest soloists Denis Matsuev and Timur Martynov. The Festival charges ahead with a revised programme for its remaining two weeks, having announced that the Verbier Festival Orchestra musicians would no longer perform at the Festival this year. Jonathan Fourel will replace Maria João Pires in the chamber music concert with Augustin Dumay, as Pires can no longer appear due to personal reasons. Further amendments to the Verbier Festival Orchestra programme will be announced early next week.

Programme Changes

Tuesday, July 20 | Salle des Combins | 19:00

OPERA GALA / BAYANKINA / ÁLVAREZ / MAESTRI

Puccini's *La fanciulla del West* is replaced by an evening of opera arias with Maria Bayankina, Marcelo Álvarez, Ambrogio Maestri and pianist James Baillieu at Salle des Combins. **The new concert start-time is 7 pm.**

Wednesday, July 21 | Salle des Combins | 18:00

VERBIER FESTIVAL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA / PAPPANO / JANSEN

Szymanowski's Concerto for violin is replaced by Bruch's first violin concerto due to orchestra size restrictions.

Wednesday, July 21 | Église de Verbier | 20:00

AUGUSTIN DUMAY / JONATHAN FOUREL

Maria João Pires can no longer appear at the Festival for personal reasons. Jonathan Fourel, recent winner of Brussel's Queen Elisabeth Competition steps in for Ms Pires for this recital with violinist Augustin Dumay. **The concert start-time remains 8 pm.** Beethoven's G major sonata is replaced by Brahms's third violin sonata.

Programme Cancellations

Friday, July 23 | Église de Verbier

JEAN-EFFLAM BAVOUZET

This recital is cancelled. Jean-Efflam Bavouzet will still lead Verbier Festival Academy piano masterclasses from July 24 to 27.

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