

EFG Private Bank announces new sponsorship

Zurich, 10 June 2009 – EFG Private Bank becomes the principal partner of Southbank Sinfonia

EFG Private Bank, EFG International's business in the UK, has become the principal partner of Southbank Sinfonia (SbS).

SbS (founded in 2002) is Britain's orchestra of young professionals and leading orchestral academy. Made up of recent music graduates, SbS provides a vital springboard into the music profession. Its full-time players this year come from England, Scotland, Wales, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain, Austria, Switzerland, Bulgaria, Cuba, the USA, Hong Kong and New Zealand.

With a large repertoire - from 1650 to the present day, and from string quartets to opera - SbS gives over 90 performances each year. These include free rush-out concerts given at their home, St John's Waterloo, London.

SbS has forged a number of strong artistic partnerships, and plays alongside other leading orchestras, including the Royal Opera House, Academy of St Martin in the Fields, BBC Concert Orchestra, London Sinfonietta, and the National Theatre.

In addition to performing, SbS has a strong focus on cultivating an appreciation and understanding of music for people of all ages and backgrounds, as well as running programmes that facilitate community involvement and education. These include presenting music to children, both in schools and through an annual series of family concerts. Members of the orchestra also take part in ambitious community projects in the local inner-city area.

SbS has an annual gala concert, The EFG Private Bank Gala Concert, which will be held on 10 June, and will feature internationally acclaimed soloists Tasmin Little (violin) and Philip Dukes (viola) in Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto, Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante and Geoffrey Burgon's Viola Concerto 'Ghosts of the Dance'.

John Williamson, CEO of EFG Private Bank:

- “Southbank Sinfonia is a young, vibrant and diverse orchestra, both innovative and successful. Its approach involves the pursuit of both individual and collective accomplishment, and operates beyond the traditional boundaries associated with its profession. We like to think that we share many of these values and achievements, and are delighted to be able to support Southbank Sinfonia’s continued development.”

Simon Over, Founder and Music Director:

- “It gives us great pleasure to welcome EFG Private Bank as our Principal Partner. Southbank Sinfonia receives very little public funding. EFG, like us, has strong convictions and great enthusiasm for what it does. This support is extremely valuable at such a critical time in our development, as we continue to strive to nurture young talent and take music to a wider audience.”

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