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PRESS RELEASE

Music at Oxford's 2011-2012 International Concert Season Launch

This season has a packed calendar of the world's finest musicians in Oxford's stunning historical buildings. During the season we bring no fewer than four major orchestras to Oxford, including the welcome return of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and the Philharmonia Orchestra. Both these acclaimed orchestras will perform in the setting of Wren's Sheldonian Theatre.

This season sees us present some of the finest players in the world, such as the outstanding Viktoria Mullova performing with Kristian Bezuidenhout, and Craig Ogden, who is hailed as the next John Williams. The much loved Mark Padmore and Paul Lewis return with *Die Winterreise* as well as a solo concert by Paul Lewis alone.

Our admired Chapel Series returns giving audiences the chance to experience exceptional young talent in three of the hidden chapels of the university colleges. This year we have the Fournier Trio, Merton College Choir and Harriet Mackenzie performing with Morgan Szymanski. These are three concerts not to be missed and ticket numbers are limited in the chapels, so book early!

Our enormously popular Christmas at Christ Church concerts will return with the marvellous Christ Church Cathedral Choir under its talented leader Stephen Darlington. Reader Jean Marsh takes a break from filming *Upstairs, Downstairs* to present this event and promises a special guest reader for at least one night.

With this sumptuous array of celebrated performers, exciting orchestras, our ever-popular Christmas concerts and its inspiring settings, this is without doubt a first rate concert season, far too good to miss!

Tickets are on sale now and being snapped up fast. Early booking is highly recommended. To get tickets you can call the Music at Oxford Box Office on 01865 244806, go online at www.musicatoxford.com or visit The Oxford Playhouse.

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Notes To Editors:

Music at Oxford is Oxford's premier classical concert promoter, bringing a prestigious selection of world-class artists to the city. Our season of concerts runs October to June.

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