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PRESS RELEASE

Discovering New Musicians in Oxford's College Chapels

Music at Oxford has a new mini-series within its 2009-2010 International Concert Season: the Chapel Series. It offers audiences the chance to explore the hidden world of Oxford's breathtaking college chapels whilst being introduced to three of today's finest new classical artists.

The series starts with the Vardanyan String Quartet at Keble College Chapel on Friday 27th November 2009. Having been extremely well received in two previous Oxford performances (Springboard 2008 and Oxford Music Network's lunchtime series 2009), this energetic new generation quartet has already gained fans in the city. Keble Chapel's colourful tiles, mosaics and stained glass offers a vibrant setting for their programme of Haydn's Op 64 No 5 in D 'The Lark', Beethoven's Op 18 No 6 in B flat and Grieg's Op 27 in G minor.

For the spring, Music at Oxford has chosen twin cellists Pei-Jee Ng and Pei-Sian Ng. On Friday 19th March 2010 they will perform at Exeter College Chapel. The chapel's striking Victoria Gothic revival exterior and outstanding interior acoustic makes this a memorable concert venue. From the masterworks of Bach's cello suites to the contemporary music of Daniel Kidane and Elena Kat-Chernin, this programme displays the cellists' versatility. With a musical maturity beyond their years, the Ng brothers have received first class reviews in the national press.

At the start of the summer, the final concert of the series is on Friday 7th May with guitarist Xuefei Yang at Merton College Chapel. Tucked away through the many college archways, in a beautiful courtyard overlooking Christ Church meadow, the thirteenth century chapel is an intimate venue to hear one of today's finest young classical guitarists. Her programme is richly varied, including Bach, Albeniz, Chopin and Regondi. Gramophone magazine proclaimed, 'the guitar world has a new star' of Yang and in a setting as exquisite as Merton College Chapel, this will be a rare musical experience.

Music at Oxford is offering a Chapel Series discount of 20% when tickets to all three concerts are purchased in one transaction. Full price tickets are £20 and are available from the Box Office (0870 7500659) or online at www.musicatoxford.com or in person from the Oxford Playhouse (Beaumont Street, Oxford, OX1 2LW). Full details of the Chapel Series and the rest of Music at Oxford's International Concert Season 2009-2010 can be found at www.musicatoxford.com.

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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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