

NEWS RELEASE

Raymond Gubbay presents

JOHANN STRAUSS GALA

UK Tour

31 December 2010 – 13 February 2011

The **Johann Strauss Gala** is the definitive tribute to the ~~W~~Waltz King Johann Strauss and his sparkling legacy. This magical showcase, celebrating the most popular music, dance and song from the Strauss family, has been captivating audiences for over 30 years.

19th Century Vienna was awash with opulent parties, as people became hypnotized by the latest dance craze, the waltz. The waltz started life as a peasant folk dance, however it was soon adopted by the urban classes and the market was cornered by Johann Strauss Snr, the grandfather of light music composers. Within a matter of years, the Strauss family held a monopoly on the waltz and polka, as they fed the demand of Vienna's dancing enthusiasts.

The Johann Strauss Gala captures the excitement felt by the citizens of Vienna, as they made the transition from the stately minuet to the freer, more expressive new dance forms. Formed in 1975 to mark the 150th anniversary of the birth of Johann Strauss, the Johann Strauss Gala showcases a delectable mix of Viennese music, dance and song which is as fresh today as it was then. This enchanting show is performed annually at over 26 venues across the UK. It is recreated each year, especially crafted to highlight different aspects of the era.

The Johann Strauss Orchestra will be directed from the violin in traditional Viennese manner by Music Director, **David Juritz**, whose charm and charisma have made him a favourite with audiences across the country. Many of the most popular songs of the day will be brought to life by sparkling soprano -soloist **Amy Freston**. In addition to a wonderful programme including **The Blue Danube Waltz, Radetzky March, Champagne Polka, Tritsch Tratsch Polka** and **The Laughing Song from Die Fledermaus**, an integral part of the evening's entertainment is provided by the **Johann Strauss Dancers**. Performing in gorgeous period costume, their routines capture and enhance the spirit of the music. They have been created by award-winning choreographer **Christopher Hampson** whose work includes pieces for English National Ballet and Royal New Zealand Ballet.

Tickets can be bought from the relevant venue Box Office.
Music is available on CD from www.raymondgubbay.co.uk/shop

All press enquiries and interview requests should be addressed to the Marketing team at Raymond Gubbay Ltd on 020 7025 3700.

The Johann Strauss Gala will visit the following venues listed overleaf.



DECEMBER

FRIDAY 31 7.30pm

LONDON Barbican Hall

020 7638 8891

JANUARY

SATURDAY 1 3.00pm

SUNDAY 2 7.30pm

WEDNESDAY 5 7.30pm

THURSDAY 6 7.30pm

FRIDAY 7 7.30pm

SATURDAY 8 3.00pm & 7.30pm

SUNDAY 9 3.00pm

WEDNESDAY 12 7.30pm

THURSDAY 13 7.30pm

FRIDAY 14 7.30pm

SATURDAY 15 7.30pm

SUNDAY 16 7.30pm

THURSDAY 20 7.30pm

FRIDAY 21 7.30pm

SATURDAY 22 7.30pm

SUNDAY 23 3.00pm

FRIDAY 28 7.30pm

SATURDAY 29 3.15pm & 8.00pm

SUNDAY 30 3.15pm & 8.00pm

BIRMINGHAM Symphony Hall

0121 780 3333

NOTTINGHAM Royal Concert Hall

0115 989 5555

NEWCASTLE City Hall

0191 261 2606

DUNDEE Caird Hall

01382 434 940

ABERDEEN Music Hall

01224 641 122

GLASGOW Royal Concert Hall

0141 353 8000

EDINBURGH Usher Hall

0131 228 1155

NORTHAMPTON Royal & Derngate

01604 624811

STOKE ON TRENT Victoria Hall

0844 871 7649

LIVERPOOL Philharmonic Hall

0151 709 3789

MANCHESTER The Bridgewater Hall

0161 907 9000

SHEFFIELD City Hall

0114 2 789 789

CAMBRIDGE Corn Exchange

01223 357851

LEICESTER De Montfort Hall

0116 233 3111

EASTBOURNE Congress Theatre

01323 412 000

TUNBRIDGE WELLS Assembly Hall Theatre 01892 532 072

BELFAST Waterfront

028 9033 4455

DUBLIN National Concert Hall

01 417 0000

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FEBRUARY

THURSDAY 3 7.30pm

FRIDAY 4 7.30pm

SATURDAY 5 7.30pm

SUNDAY 6 5.00pm

FRIDAY 11 7.30pm

SATURDAY 12 7.30pm

SUNDAY 13 3.00pm

CROYDON Fairfield Halls

020 8688 9291

BOURNEMOUTH Pavilion Theatre

0844 576 3000

PLYMOUTH Pavilions

0845 146 1460

CARDIFF St. David's Hall

029 2087 8444

HARROGATE Royal Hall

0845 130 8840

PRESTON The Guild Hall

01772 258 858

BRISTOL Colston Hall

0117 922 3686