



Thursday, 5 March 2015

Re: **CALL FOR SCORES / 2015 Villa collection for violin solo**

Dear friends and colleagues,



WEDNESDAY, 20 MAY 2015 AT 5PM
VILLA TESORIERA IN TURIN

The violinist **Jeff Thayer** (Concertmaster of the San Diego Symphony) will be giving a special recital for the Villa of Composers on his 1708 "Sir Bagshawe" Stradivarius.

On the programme: Bach, Ysaÿe and works for violin solo by the Villa's composers.

The concert will be audio and video recorded, and the works in the Villa's catalogue will be illustrated with the audio recording.

In keeping with our philosophy and our modus operandi (see web references at the end of the letter), we are organising a special CALL FOR SCORES for current and future Villa members so that we can select the works we would like to promote as fairly as possible.

To mark the occasion, we have decided to launch our first collection for violin solo, a "Homage to Stradivarius", and we are asking you to contribute your talent.

The aim is for us to supplement this initial collection over time, as we hold other concerts at the Villa.

The timeframe is very short, but we are looking for short pieces. We sincerely hope that together we will be able to rise to this challenge!

CALL FOR SCORES VILLA B50520

A/ The pieces should comply with the following requirements:

- * pieces for unaccompanied violin solo;
- * **unpublished works** that last from 1-2 minutes up to a maximum of 5 minutes per piece; a suite of several shorter pieces, each with its own title and lasting roughly 1 to 2 minutes, would be particularly appreciated;
- * the length of the piece should be written on the score;
- * the following text should be written on the score: *Homage to the 1708 "Sir Bagshawe" Stradivarius violin. Villa of Composers collection for violin solo;*
- * the works should be sent by email in both Finale .mus and PDF format.

B/ The procedure for participants will take place as follows:

- * the .mus and PDF files should be sent via email to secretariat@villacompositeurs.com, by 20 April 2015 at the latest. The email subject heading should contain the reference CALL FOR SCORES VILLA B50520;
- * scores which comply with the requirements outlined above will be examined by two professional violinists, who will select the pieces they wish to include in the Villa's 2015 collection for violin solo. The results of the selection process will be published on the Villa website on 30 April 2015;
- * the anonymous scores will then be sent to the soloist Jeff Thayer, who will select which pieces he would like to play in the recital;
- * the Villa's collection for violin solo will be presented in full to the French Federation of Music Education (FFEM). We would like to publish this collection with a publisher/printer, so the original .mus file will be touched up by a professional engraver.

C/ Published works:

- * any composers who would like to draw the soloist's attention to **published works** for violin solo should send a copy of the published score by 20 April 2015 at the latest, to the address:

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1 rue de Stockholm
75008 – Paris, FRANCE

- * these pieces may be selected for the concert but they will only be eligible for citation in the Villa's 2015 collection for violin solo (list of works);
- * the scores will then be sent to Turin to be deposited in the Villa library;
- * costs related to the acquisition of scores and postage in connection with the CALL FOR SCORES are not borne by the Villa.

D/ Additional information:

- * on receipt of the scores, they will be anonymised and given a number instead of the composer's name;
- * in the event of circumstances beyond the Villa's control, the CALL FOR SCORES may be postponed or cancelled. The joint decision of the Executive Director and the Artistic Director will be final.

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We hope that you will be excited by this opportunity and that many of you will decide to take part.

With kind regards,

Christophe Guyard, Board Member and Executive Director
Marc Lys, Board Member and Artistic Director

References:

- * Jeff Thayer on Google http://www.google.com/search?as_q=jeff,thayer,violinist
- * The Villa's modus operandi <http://www.villacomposers.org/id3-010-000.php>