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Third charity concert of the World Doctors Orchestra

Under the auspices of Bernd Neumann, Minister of State for Culture and the Media

Conductor: Stefan Willich
Soloists: Tanja Becker-Bender, Violin
Aida-Carmen Soanea, Viola

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart:
Sinfonia Concertante in Es Major for violin, viola, and orchestra

Gustav Mahler:
Symphony No. 5

Saturday, July 4, 2009, 8 p.m.
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The World Doctors Orchestra combines the pleasure of fine music with global medical responsibility.

Twice a year, around 100 physicians from over twenty nations exchange their white coats for evening attire and perform a benefit concert for people in need of health care. Founder and conductor of the World Doctors Orchestra is Prof. Stefan Willich. He chose his fellow musicians from 300 candidates with outstanding musical credentials.

Although all of the physicians share a passion for music, this is not an end in itself. Indeed, the driving force behind the World Doctors Orchestra is the conviction that neither national borders nor political or economic interests should limit access to adequate health care. With its series of benefit concerts, the World Doctors Orchestra wants to raise awareness of the need for a global social concept in public health based on the premise that health care is a human right and a precondition for adequate health care. With its series of benefit concerts, the World Doctors Orchestra wants to raise awareness of the need for a global social concept in public health based on the premise that medical responsibility is inseparably linked with innovative developments in science, medicine, and nursing, as well as with the names of many outstanding physicians. The Charité is now the largest medical school in Europe.

Tanja Becker-Bender’s early musical success, manifested in top prizes at the international competitions, led her to perform as a soloist under the baton of Kurt Masur, Gerd Albrecht and Fabio Luisi with renowned orchestras. Tanja Becker-Bender is constantly striving for getting to the essence of each work performed, and dedicates herself to a wide range of repertoire. In 2006, she has been appointed one of the youngest professors ever in Germany, at the University of Music Saarland in Saarbrücken, following Maxim Vengerov in that position.

Aida-Carmen Soanea, born in Romania, is prize winner of international competitions. She has performed as a soloist in Europe, North and South America and worked together with the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, and the Wiener Philharmoniker. Her particular enthusiasm is chamber music. As a member in the delian: quartet she is an acclaimed guest in prominent festivals. Together with contemporary composers she broadens the repertoire for violin and teaches master courses all over the world.

Stefan Willich, director of the Institute for Social Medicine at the Charité University Medical Center in Berlin, is a trained violinist, chamber musician, and conductor. He has participated in conducting workshops under Sergiu Celibidache in Munich, Leon Fleisher in Boston/Tanglewood, and Leon Barzin in Paris. He regularly takes part in conducting activities and chamber music.

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The proceeds of the concert evening will go to two aid projects:

The Berlin Center for the Treatment of Torture Victims (bzfo)

The bzfo offers help to victims of organized state violence suffering from physical and long-term psychological sequelae and psychosomatic disorders. The care treats children, adolescents, adults and their families from more than 50 countries as well as victims of the former East German secret service, overall more than 500 every year. Out-patient care and day-clinic care is provided through medical, psychiatric and psychotherapy treatment offers. The healing process is supported by resource-oriented therapy offers such as art therapy, music therapy, physiotherapy and the Intercultural Healing Garden.

The rehabilitation of torture victims supports them to feel their dignity again and to lead a life which is largely free of the physical and psychological after-effects caused by the torture experience. At the same time it is always a form of resistance against the torturers and their regimes.

Hugo-Tempelman-Foundation

In 1994 the Dutch physician Dr. Hugo Tempelman and his wife Liesje founded the Ndlovu Medical Center. Located in the township of Elandsdoorn some 200 kilometers northwest of Johannesburg in Limpopo Province, Ndlovu is the only outpatient clinic in the region. It currently provides healthcare services to approximately 160,000 individuals.

At Ndlovu, all patients receive treatment, regardless of whether they have health insurance. Presently, more than 1500 people with HIV and AIDS are in long-term care at the center, where Dutch, German, and South African physicians are working hand in hand. The results of their pioneering efforts are impressive: the majority of patients have succeeded in achieving an undetectable viral load.

In recent years, an increasing number of development projects have been established around the Ndlovu Medical Center to address the lack of basic infrastructure such as garbage collection and postal services. These efforts, along with numerous informational, educational, and vocational programs, are helping in the development of long-term approaches to the complex issues surrounding HIV and AIDS.

For further information please visit www.hugo-tempelman-stiftung.de

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