

# Schlern International Music Festival

Join us to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the festival  
from July 5 – 25, 2012 in Völs am Schlern, South Tyrol, Italy



Named among 10 tomorrow's great pianists by the BBC Music Magazine, a special guest of the festival, **Eduard Kunz**, first prize winner of 13 major international competitions, will give a recital and teach master classes.

Standing ovations arose in the filled to capacity concert hall of the Prösels Castle after the recital of **Sergey Khachatryan** at the 2011 Schlern Music Festival. The star violinist returns this year to the festival to perform all Brahms violin sonatas with pianist **Lusine Khachatryan** on July 20, 2012.

World famous baritone **Vladimir Chernov**, who has appeared at nearly every major international theater, including the Metropolitan Opera, Covent Garden, La Scala, Teatro Colón, Opéra de Paris, Chicago, San Francisco, Vienna State Opera and many others, will perform and share his formidable experience with vocal students in master classes. Besides arias and art songs, singers will have an opportunity to work on opera scenes, including acting skills, with Prof. **Thomas Harper**, Director of the University of Washington Opera Theatre, and perform these opera excerpts in the festival gala concerts. Italian and German language classes held by native speakers will include phonetic training for singers.

The workshop "How to win an orchestra audition" will be held by the principle violist of Orquesta Sinfonica de Murcia, Spain, **Rumen Cvetkov**, who won several principal positions in different orchestras before the age of 30. Rumen Cvetkov will work with the festival participants on all aspects of the audition preparation, starting with how to write a curriculum vitae correctly, how to practice concertos and orchestral excerpts, to finally how to behave during the actual audition. On the last day of the workshop, there will be a simulation of an orchestra audition, whereby participants will experience the real atmosphere of the audition. It will help young musicians not to be stressed and unpleasantly surprised by the real audition, but rather to be prepared and aware of their abilities.

On a day trip to Salzburg, the festival community will experience the unique atmosphere of the "Hagenauer House" at Getreidegasse 9, where Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born and lived until the age of 17. Maybe you will understand Mozart's music better after you have seen his apartment, his violin, the clavichord he played and letters of his family.

During their leisure time between recitals, master classes, rehearsals and practicing, the festival participants will find themselves in the heart of the picturesque nature reserve Naturpark Schlern-Rosengarten, and they will have the opportunity to go on a hiking tour in the Dolomites. You won't be able to forget the panorama expanding in front of you while rising in a gondola cableway up to the mountains.

Winners of the 2012 Schlern International Competition will perform in a special recital at the 14th century Prösels Castle.

## Artists

Eduard Kunz, piano (*Russia/England*), guest  
Vladimir Chernov, voice (*Russia/USA*), guest  
Sergey Khachatryan, violin (*Armenia/Germany*), guest  
Zakhar Bron, violin (*Russia/Germany*), guest

## Piano

Eteri Andjaparidze (*Russia/USA*)  
Abbey Simon (*USA*)  
Tamas Ungar (*Hungary/USA*)  
Maxim Mogilevsky (*Russia/USA*)  
Larissa Dedova (*Russia/USA*)  
Mikhail Volchok (*Russia/USA*)  
Anatoly Zatin (*Russia/Mexico*)  
Tatiana Gerasimova (*Russia/USA*)  
Karen Follingstad (*USA*)  
Mark Fouxman (*Russia/USA*)  
Ksenia Nosikova (*Russia/USA*)  
Erna Gulabyan (*Armenia/USA*)  
Vlada Vassilieva (*Mexico*)  
Grace Fong (*USA*)  
Yin Zheng (*USA*)  
Arthur Green (*USA*)  
Manabu Takasawa (*Japan/USA*)  
Robert Strain (*USA*)  
Sonia Leong (*USA*)

## Violin

Vladimir Landsman (*Russia/Canada*)  
Hrachya Harutyunian (*Russia/USA*)  
Alexandre Brussilovsky (*Russia/France*)  
Alexander Treger (*Russia/USA*)  
Solomia Soroka (*Ukraine/USA*)  
Zuo Jun (*Singapore*)  
Rossitza Goza (*Bulgaria/USA*)  
Guillaume Tardif (*Canada*)  
Ann Miller (*USA*)

## Cello

Vagram Saradjian (*Russia/USA*)  
Andre Emelianoff (*USA*)  
Alexander Ivashkin (*Russia/England*)  
Alan Smith (*USA*)  
Daniel Saenz (*USA*)  
Nina Flyer (*Israel/USA*)  
Natalia Pavluts kaya (*Russia/England*)

## Viola

Rumen Cvetkov (*Bulgaria/Spain*)  
Ilan Schneider (*Lithuania/Luxembourg*)  
Sander Geerts (*Belgium*)  
Alicia Valoti (*USA*)  
Lauren Burns (*USA*)  
Travis Maril (*USA*)

## Voice

Olga Makarina (*Russia/USA*)  
Jurate Švedaite (*Lithuania/USA*)  
Tracelyn Gesteland (*USA*)  
Thomas Harper, voice (*USA*)  
Ruzanna Lisitsian (*Russia*)

## Conducting

Alexander Treger (*Russia/USA*)  
Ilmar Lapinsch (*Latvia/Austria*)

## Making Music Together

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Piano, Viol in, Viola, Violoncello, Voice, Conducting, Chamber Music

**July 5 – 25, 2012 • Völs am Schlern, South Tyrol, Italy**

**Vagram Saradjian**, General Director/Founder • **Tatiana Gerasimova**, Music Director  
[www.sempermusic.org](http://www.sempermusic.org) • [www.schlernmusicfestival.eu](http://www.schlernmusicfestival.eu)

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Together



Vagram Saradjian



Vladimir Chernov



UNESCO Commissione Nazionale Italiana, Roma  
 Gemeinde Völs am Schlern/Comune di Fè allo Sciliar

## The festival program includes:

- 6 private lessons to each participant
- Chamber music coaching (except conducting students)
- Master classes of guest artists and distinguished faculty members
- 28 concerts
- Workshop “How to win an orchestra audition”
- Optional conducting classes
- Italian and German language classes
- Excursions to Salzburg, Alpe di Siusi, hiking tour in the Dolomites, optional excursion to Venice
- Accommodation at a hotel (categories A or B)
- Full board (3 meals a day) except on excursion days
- Bus transfer from/to the airports in Milan and Munich on July 5/25, 2012, respectively

The 10th Schlern International Competition will be held during the festival in the areas of violin, viola, cello, voice and piano. Competition winners receive diplomas and following cash prizes:

- violin/viola – \$1000
- cello – \$1000
- voice – \$1000
- piano – \$1000
- two Honorable Mentions – \$300 each

For family members and/or spouses accompanying festival participants a festival package will be offered.

Find more information about the festival at [www.schlernmusicfestival.eu](http://www.schlernmusicfestival.eu).

## Application

The festival is organized by **Semper Music Inc.**, a Texas based nonprofit organization, in collaboration with the **Municipality and Tourist Association of Völs am Schlern**. To apply, please create an online account at [www.sempermusic.org/account/login.php](http://www.sempermusic.org/account/login.php), log into your Semper Music account, read the Application Instructions and Information and submit your application.

You will need the following items to complete your online Application:

- A recent photo (head shot) in jpg format (max. 1MB)
- A scan of the picture page of your passport in jpg format (max. 2MB). Make sure your data on the scan is readable.

– A video recording of your performance (2 pieces of different styles with a total duration of at least 15 min.) shall be uploaded to YouTube or another storage site. You will be prompted to provide the internet link. Please check the link and quality of your recording in advance.

A non-refundable \$135 application fee must accompany your application, made payable to SEMPER Music Inc. by March 15, 2012 (\$185 after March 15, 2012). If you intend to participate in the Schlern International Competition, you need to submit a non-refundable \$105 competition entry fee. Upon acceptance, the full tuition amount must be paid to Semper Music Inc. by April 15, 2012.

Tuition	Accommodation category
\$2990	B
\$3150	A

The admission committee will select participants based on submitted recordings. Find more information about dates, conditions and payment at [www.schlernmusicfestival.eu](http://www.schlernmusicfestival.eu)

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