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May and June IVCI recitals reprogrammed due to international travel restrictions

*1998 Gold Medalist Judith Ingolfsson replaces Kyoko Takezawa
Luke Hsu guest harpist Mélanie Laurent forced to cancel U.S. engagements*

INDIANAPOLIS – The May and June recitals for the International Violin Competition of Indianapolis (IVCI) 20/21 Laureate Series have been reprogrammed due to pandemic related issues.

1986 Gold Medalist **Kyoko Takezawa**, who intended to present her “Heroic Saint-Saëns and Beethoven” program (rescheduled from March 2020), will remain at home in Japan, and has been rescheduled for next season. In her place, 1998 Gold Medalist **Judith Ingolfsson** and her husband/pianist Vladimir Stoupel will feature a program based on their most recent CD release *La belle époque*, a recital focusing on the legacy of Eugène Ysaÿe, considered to be the “King of the Violin.” Program includes his *Poème élégiaque*, plus Dubois’ Sonata in A major and Franck’s Sonata in A major – works that honor the Belgian master. This recital will take place Thursday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Indiana Landmarks Center.

2018 Bronze Medalist **Luke Hsu** will still present a recital on Thursday, June 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Indiana Landmarks Center, but without the collaboration of the Ronen Chamber Ensemble and 2019 U.S.A. International Harp Competition Gold Medalist Mélanie Laurent. Laurent, currently residing in France, was forced to cancel her U.S. engagements earlier this Spring. Hsu will join pianist Chih-Yi Chen with a new program, which will be announced at a later date.

The next IVCI performance will feature the crossover group **Time for Three**, Thursday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Madam Walker Theater. Live tickets are expected to reach the allowed capacity, and patrons are encouraged to purchase early.

All performances this season will be performed for a reduced live audience, who will be required to follow safety procedures. Each concert will also have a virtual livestream option, available until approximately ten days following the performance.

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