

### **Claudia-Elisabeth Schurr**

The Perugia-born Italian pianist began musical studies in Germany at the Meistersingerkonservatorium Nürnberg and at the Musikhochschule München. From the age of 19 Claudia-Elisabeth pursued her studies in Italy, Austria and Russia and concluded her postgraduate education with Gerhard Oppitz in Munich and Ian Fountain at the Royal Academy of Music.

In 1996 Claudia Schurr won the prestigious Bösendorfer competition. Since then she has performed as a soloist in Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

In 2003 she made her London début with the London Soloists Orchestra under David Josefowitz.

Claudia-Elisabeth Schurr is devoting this season to contemporary composers as well as to the classical German repertoire. In 2006 she will be among the pianists performing the complete piano works by Robert Schumann in Germany for the celebration of the Schumann-Year. In London, she will perform Mozart's last piano concerto later this season.

### **Rhian Samuel**

Born in Aberdare, Wales in 1944, she spent many years in the United States and is now Professor of Music at City University, London. Her large-scale orchestral music spans from *Elegy-Symphony to Tirluniau (Landscapes)*, commissioned by the BBC for the Millenium Proms. Her piano music includes *A Garland for Anne* (2001), *Off to Narita* (2000) for solo piano, *Serenade Duo* (2005) for piano duo and *Gaslight Square II* for piano duet, which was recently broadcast on Bavarian Radio. Rhian Samuel's most recent work, *Dovey Junction* for brass quintet, will be premiered at the UNESCO World Music Forum in Los Angeles on 1 October, played by Borealis Brass (Alaska).

## **Italian Cultural Institute**

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### **Piano Concerto**

**Thursday**

**29 September 2005**

7 pm

## **Claudia-Elisabeth Schurr**

Piano

## **Programme**

### **Franz Liszt**

***Années de Pèlerinage, Deuxième***

***Année, Italie***

*Sonetto 47 del Petrarca*

*Sonetto 104 del Petrarca*

*Sonetto 123 del Petrarca*

### **Ludwig van Beethoven**

***Sonata in C maior op. 53***

***'Waldstein'***

*Allegro con brio – Adagio molto – Allegretto  
moderato*

### ***Interval***

### **Rhian Samuel**

***Dream Images***

*Winding Paths – Interlude I – Distant Fountains –*

*Interlude II – Weeping Trellises*

### **Johannes Brahms**

***Klavierstuecke op. 118***