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Arkady Fomin Scholarship Fund to present concert by its 2019 award recipients at the Jāzeps Vītols Latvian Academy of Music

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Rīga, Latvija – **The Music Makers** today announces a concert to be given by recipients of its 2019 **Arkady Fomin Scholarship Fund** at the **Jāzeps Vītols Latvian Academy of Music**. The Fomin awards will be presented on March 6, 2019 at 18:00 in the LMT Chamber Hall at the Academy, followed by a concert of performances by each recipient. The Academy is located at Kr. Barona 1, Rīga, Latvija.

The 2019 Arkady Fomin Scholarships will be awarded to gifted young violinists **Daniil Bulaev** and **Marta Rando**, students of the Emīls Dārziņš Music School, and **Andrejs Jegorovs**, who studies at the Jāzeps Vītols Latvian Academy of Music.

The Arkady Fomin Scholarship Fund (AFSF) was created in 2015 by The Music Makers, an international organization based in Chicago, Illinois (USA), to celebrate and perpetuate the legacy and spirit of Arkady Fomin. Born in Rīga, Latvija, Mr. Fomin was an internationally renowned concert violinist, beloved teacher, conductor, and member of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. His guiding inspiration touched the lives of hundreds of classical music artists, including many of today's acclaimed performers.

In 2012, Mr. Fomin's remarkable commitment to the performing arts was honored when he was presented with Latvia's Cross of Recognition, a national award established in 1710 to recognize faithful service to Fatherland and outstanding merits in constitutional and public work, culture, science, sports, and education.

The Music Makers continues Mr. Fomin's legacy in guiding the next generation of performers through its **Arkady Fomin Scholarship Fund**, which awards educational scholarships to highly gifted college and pre-college musicians from around the world, mentoring their artistic development, and supporting them in the most formative years of their lives with important career connections and guidance. Their awards are given on a non-competitive basis and intended to assist the student with their participation in important masterclasses and summer festivals. Students are also often invited to perform at events around the world.

The Music Makers was founded by pianist Angela Yoffe and violinist Vadim Gluzman, both natives of Rīga who reside primarily in the United States.

The inspiration for establishing the scholarship fund was a very personal one for Mr. Gluzman and Ms. Yoffe, both from Arkady Fomin's hometown of Rīga, Latvia and now a married couple who often perform and record together for the BIS label. Gluzman and Yoffe were the beneficiaries of Fomin's generosity as students in the earliest years of their careers when he provided them with scholarships, mentorship, and the opportunity to study in America at the New Conservatory of Dallas, Texas, which then opened many doors.

"When you find THE teacher of your life - it is an incredible fortune. When this teacher becomes so much more: a part of your family, your friend, your closest and most trusted confidant - that's a true blessing. I am both – fortunate and blessed," says Gluzman, who is artistic director of the The Music Makers and considered one of leading violinist performing today along with Anne Sophie Mutter, Pinchas Zukerman, Hilary Hahn, and Joshua Bell.

"Arkady knew how to give all of himself to his students, selflessly and wholeheartedly, his belief in the importance of music was inspiring and absolutely contagious. He now lives on through us, his students - in pieces we play, the musical arguments we make. It is up to us to carry the torch that he has lit - and we do it with great pride," says Gluzman.

Through the Arkady Fomin Scholarship Fund the Music Makers hopes to continue the legacy of Arkady Fomin's life for generations to come by helping to shape the careers of tomorrow's classical masters.

The Music Makers is also the international parent organization behind the annual North Shore Chamber Music Festival (Chicago, Illinois, USA) and Music Makers Israel (Keshet Eilon, Israel). Through its life-affirming performances, inspiring music exploration talks, and pre-professional career development scholarships, The Music Makers strives to provide a substantial and deeply meaningful community-based arts experience that is at once entertaining, inspirational, and approachable. The organization is a nonprofit organization based in the United States and devoted to the cultural life of communities around the world that its founders love.

For more information please visit www.musicmakers.org.

About Jāzeps Vītols Latvian Academy of Music

During nearly a hundred years of its existence Jāzeps Vītols Latvian Academy of Music has enriched Latvian culture with many excellent performers, composers, and musicologists. We are responsible for the traditions and the future development of our Academy, as JVLMA is the only one university-type education establishment in Latvia providing higher musical education in performing arts, composition, musicology, music education and choreography, as well as carrying out research. JVLMA offers internationally accredited study programmes on bachelor, master and doctoral level and professional qualifications.

JVLMA is proud to be associated with the names of Krzysztof Penderecki, Mariss Jansons and Gidon Kremer who are our Honorary Professors.

To name just a few of our internationally renowned graduates – conductor Andris Nelsons, singers Maija Kovalevska, Elina Garanča, Kristine Opolais, Marina Rebeka, Egils Siliņš, violinist Eva Bindere, cellists Kristine Blaumane and Marta Sudraba, pianists Andrejs and Georgijs Osokini.

International policy of JVLMA aims to develop international cooperation and integration into the European and global academic community, to ensure high quality standards in higher education in music. International collaboration is based on short-term educational activities (masterclasses, workshops, intensive courses, seminars, lectures), student and staff exchange in frames of ERASMUS, NORDPLUS and FULBRIGHT programmes, various events (performances, competitions, festivals, conferences, individual research), as well as collaboration with the international youth orchestras and choirs.

About Arkady Fomin

Violinist Arkady Fomin was born in Rīga, Latvija, where he received his musical training at the Latvian State Conservatory with Voldemar Sturestep. A founder of Clavier Trio, he collaborated in performances with Pinchas Zukerman, Yefim Bronfman, Emanuel Borok, Shlomo Mintz, Atar Arad, David Korevaar, Jesús Castro-Balbi, Vadim Gluzman, Phillippe Quint, Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg, Andrew Litton, and the late Steven De Groot.

As violinist and conductor, Arkady Fomin performed in Russia, Latvia, Austria, Germany, Japan, and throughout the United States. A member of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, he served as Visiting Professor and Artist-in-Residence at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Professor/Artist-in-Residence and Orchestra Director at The University of Texas at Dallas and Artistic Director of the New Conservatory of Dallas and Conservatory Music in the Mountains Festival in Durango, Colorado. Arkady Fomin received the Cowlshaw Award for artistic achievement at UT Dallas as well as Special Recognition from the Mayor of the City of Dallas for promotion of music education and international relationship through concert performances and tours. In 2012, Mr. Fomin's remarkable commitment to the performing arts was honored when he was presented with Latvia's Cross of Recognition, a national award established in 1710 to recognize faithful service to Fatherland and outstanding merits in constitutional and public work, culture, science, sports, and education.

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