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Musical Chemistry at the Playhouse

Vancouver Recital Society presents violinist Alina Ibragimova and pianist Cédric Tiberghien

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(Vancouver, BC) – Two exciting young musical talents from Russia and France promise to bring some much needed sparkle to drizzly Vancouver this month. **Violinist Alina Ibragimova** and **pianist Cédric Tiberghien** will perform in a concert presented by the **Vancouver Recital Society (VRS)** at the **Vancouver Playhouse on Sunday, November 23, 2008 at 7.30pm**. Their programme will include Beethoven, Szymanowski and Mozart. This recital is the first of five concerts on the VRS' Next Generation Series – the series that presents classical music's stars of tomorrow.

Ibragimova and Tiberghien are making waves over in Europe at the moment. Critics have hailed Ibragimova's technical agility, eloquence, adventurous choice of repertoire and the exquisite tone she produces on her 1738 Pietro Guarneri of Venice violin. This performance marks her Canadian debut. Tiberghien is known for his expressiveness, romantic temperament and remarkable range of material and playing styles. He made his New York debut at Carnegie Hall in February. The two musicians have a wonderful rapport and chemistry and are regular recital partners. *"Both of these players have the potential to conquer the world,"* declared The Times, London.



Born in Russia in 1985, Ibragimova is a former pupil of the Moscow Gnesin and Yehudi Menuhin schools, and the Royal College of Music London. Her teachers have included Natasha Boyarsky, Gordan Nikolitch, Christian Tetzlaff, and Adrian Butterfield for baroque and classical violin. She has performed at the Musée du Louvre Paris, Wigmore Hall London, for NHK Television in Japan and at festivals including Salzburg, Verbier and City of London. Ibragimova has won several international competitions including the London Symphony Orchestra Music Scholarship. She was a member of the BBC New Generation Artists Scheme 2005-7 and is a recipient of a 2008 Borletti-Buitoni Trust award.



Tiberghien was born in Paris in 1975. He started playing piano at age five and studied at the Paris Conservatoire with Frédéric Aguessy and Gérard Frémy and was awarded the Premier Prix in 1992. He has won prizes at several major international piano competitions (Bremen, Dublin, Tel Aviv, Geneva & Milan) and First Prize at the prestigious Long-Thibaud Competition in Paris. He has performed at London's Wigmore Hall, Vienna's Musikverein, Amsterdam's Concertgebouw, Tokyo's Suntory Hall and Sydney's City Hall. He has also taken part in many international festivals including Edinburgh, City of London, BBC Proms, Klavier Festival Ruhr and Yokohama Festival.

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