

## PRESS RELEASE

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8th edition

### **Storioni Festival 2015: A M E R I C A**

*A melting pot of unlimited possibilities*

**22 January–1 February**

**Breda \* Den Bosch \* Eindhoven \* Helmond \* Tilburg**



The 8th annual Storioni Festival will be held from Thursday 22 January to Sunday 1 February. This internationally-renowned chamber music festival in the Netherlands is organised by the brothers Wouter (violin) and Marc (cello) Vossen and pianist Bart van de Roer – the Storioni Trio – in collaboration with Muziekgebouw Eindhoven. The theme of this year's festival is *America*: works by great European composers that strongly influenced the composers of the entire American continent are presented alongside works by composers from North, Central and South America. One of the most influential European composers in this respect was the Czech Antonin Dvořák, composer of the famous *American String Quartet*. His music can be heard throughout the festival.



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The **Asko|Schönberg** ensemble and Mr Maarten van Rossem, Dutch specialist in American history and culture, will make their debuts in Eindhoven in the a special concert on 27 January. Storioni Festival debuts include the renowned Argentinian pianist **Nelson Goerner**, the Japanese violist **Mariko Hara**, the Latvian violin and piano duo of the sisters **Baiba and Lauma Skride** and the German harpsichordist **Carsten Schmidt**. This year's composer in residence is the American composer and guitarist **Bryce Dessner**.

#### **Festival highlights**

- **Six works by Antonin Dvorak:** the *Piano Trio in F minor*, *Sonatina*, *Bagatelles*, *Slavic Dances*, *Wind Serenade* and the *American String Quartet*
- **Finals of the Ensemble Competition | Storioni Toonzaal Prize**
- **Opening Concert** on Friday 23 January featuring the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra Camerata and other ensembles
- **Star Soloists' Gala** on Saturday 24 January with the debut of Baiba and Lauma Skride
- **Academy Sunday** with the prize-winners of TROMP Percussion Eindhoven, Young Pianist Foundation, Cello Biënnale and Oskar Back Violin Competition
- Special concert with the **Asko|Schönberg Ensemble** and Maarten van Rossem

- **Storioni Night** with Nelson Goerner and others and an American Medley

The complete festival programme will be available from this week on the Storioni Festival's new website: [www.storionifestival.nl](http://www.storionifestival.nl).

### **Omroep MAX and Storioni Café**

The Festival's regular media partner Omroep MAX will record the *Opening Concert*, the *Star Soloists' Gala* and the *Storioni Night* for later broadcast by Dutch classical Radio 4. The *Storioni in Tilburg* concert and the *Concert with Asko|Schönberg* will be broadcast live by Radio 4. A new addition this year is the **MAX Young Talent Prize**, to be awarded to the ensemble that wins the Storioni Toonzaal Prize.

The **Storioni Café** continues its successful formula: members of the Storioni Trio and professional presenters lead discussions with musicians performing in the festival 45 minutes before the beginning of every concert. The Trio will also invite artists performing in the festival to perform in 3 coffee concerts to be held in the City Foyer of the Muziekgebouw Eindhoven at 10.30 am on 26, 28 and 30 January.

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