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ADDED EVENTS

**CAL PERFORMANCES PRESENTS THE WEST COAST PREMIERE
OF *ANGEL HEART* FOR FAMILY AUDIENCES
ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, AT HERTZ HALL**

PLUS

**PUPPETEER EXTRAORDINAIRE BASIL TWIST'S
JAPANESE-INSPIRED *DOGUGAESHI WEDNESDAY–SUNDAY*,
NOVEMBER 6–10, AT ZELLERBACH PLAYHOUSE**

SINGLE TICKETS ON SALE SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

BERKELEY, JULY 26, 2013—Two events have been added to Cal Performances' 2013–2014 season lineup. For Families, a series designed to introduce children and their grown-ups to the world of performing arts, adds the West Coast premiere of *Angel Heart* on Sunday, October 6 at 5:00 p.m. at Hertz Hall. The production features story and lyrics by bestselling children's author **Cornelia Funke** and an original score by **Luna Pearl Woolf** along with performances by Bay Area favorite—and world celebrated—mezzo-soprano **Frederica von Stade**, eight cellos, two mandolins, and a children's chorus of 20 singers. The second addition to the season is groundbreaking puppeteer **Basil Twist's** Bessie Award–winning *Dogugaeshi*, an intricate, evocative reimagining of traditional Japanese puppet theater staging techniques, with live music performed by master *shamisen* player **Yumiko Tanaka**. The rarely staged production will be offered on Wednesday, November 6, at 8:00 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, November 7 and 8, at 6:00 and 8:30 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, November 9 and 10, at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. at Zellerbach Playhouse. Twist is “one of the era's most audacious puppeteers” (*Washington Post*).

Single tickets for Cal Performances' 2013–2014 season will go on sale to the public on Tuesday, August 20 at noon.

Angel Heart

Angel Heart was created by Luna Pearl Woolf and soprano **Lisa Delan**, who also performs in the concert. The tale is about a young girl who finds peace after heartbreak with the

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help of a petulant guardian angel. The production will be semi-staged by Opera Parallel's **Brian Staufenbiel** and will also feature **Daniel Taylor**, counter-tenor, and **Sanford Sylvan**, baritone. In addition to original music, the concert will include works composed and arranged by **The Beatles, Jake Heggie, Gordon Getty, and Lewis Spratlan**. *Angel Heart* premieres at Carnegie Hall before coming to Berkeley. A CD and book set will be released September 24 and will be accompanied by an interactive storybook app for iPad and Android. The recording will include the same artists who will perform in Berkeley, with the exception of mezzo-soprano **Zheng Cao**, who died in February 2013. The performances of *Angel Heart* will be dedicated to her memory.

Dogugaeshi

Basil Twist's masterwork *Dogugaeshi* comes to Zellerbach Playhouse for nine performances. The word *dogugaeshi* refers to a Japanese theater form that involves the drawing back of a series of decorative screens to reveal scenery behind. In Twist's take on this ancient stage mechanism, video projection, painting, and puppetry are combined to produce an intimate and visually striking hour-long performance. The work features an original score by *shamisen* virtuoso **Yumika Tanaka**. *Dogugaeshi* was commissioned by the Japan Society in New York and won a Bessie Award in 2005. Due to its intricate set, it is rarely performed.

Born in San Francisco, Basil Twist has been practicing puppetry in New York for the past two decades, creating unusual and innovative puppet theater pieces such as *Symphonie Fantastique*, which is performed entirely underwater. Twist has received two Bessies and an Obie, as well as earning a Guggenheim Fellowship and United States Artists Fellowship for his work. "No theatre artist in New York is showing more poetic force or technical skill than the puppeteer Basil Twist" (*New Yorker*).

SINGLE TICKET SALE INFORMATION

Single tickets for Cal Performances 2013–2014 season go on sale to the general public on Tuesday, August 20 at noon. Prior to that, single tickets to Email Club members go on sale Sunday, August 13. Tickets are available through the Cal Performances Ticket Office at Zellerbach Hall; at (510) 642-9988; at calperformances.org; and at the door. Half-price tickets are available for purchase by UC Berkeley students. UC faculty and staff, senior citizens, other

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students and UC Alumni Association members receive a \$5.00 discount (Special Events excluded). For select performances, Cal Performances offers UCB student, faculty and staff, senior, and community rush tickets. For a complete listing of discounts go to <http://calperformances.org/buy/discounts.php>.

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CALENDAR OF ADDED EVENTS

Sunday, October 6, 5:00 p.m.

AngelHeart

Lisa Delan, soprano

Daniel Taylor, counter-tenor

Frederica von Stade, mezzo-soprano

Sanford Sylvan, baritone

Matt Haimovitz and Uccello, cellos

Mike Marshall, mandolin

Caterina Lichtenberg, mandolin

Additional artists to be announced

For Families. This musical setting of a story by bestselling children's author Cornelia Funke features songs by The Beatles, as well as original music by composer Luna Pearl Woolf.

Hertz Hall

Tickets begin at \$36.00

Wednesday, November 6, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 7, 6:00 p.m. & 8:30 p.m.

Friday, November 8, 6:00 p.m. & 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 9, 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 10, 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Dogugaeshi

Basil Twist, director, writer, puppeteer

with **Yumiko Tanaka**, shamisen

Theater. Innovator of puppet theater Basil Twist revives the ancient Japanese stage mechanism of *dogugaeshi*, which involves the drawing back a series of decorative screens to reveal a scene. This intimate, one hour performance combines video projection with an original score.

Zellerbach Playhouse

Tickets begin at \$76.00

Artwork available by request and online at:

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