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CAL PERFORMANCES PRESENTS
THE WORLD PREMIERE OF ANGEL HEART,
A FAMILY-FRIENDLY MUSICAL STORYBOOK,
ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, AT 5:00 P.M. IN HERTZ HALL

New multimedia children’s work features music by Luna Pearl Woolf and an original story by Cornelia Funke with vocalists Frederica von Stade and Lisa Delan and cellist Matt Haimovitz

BERKELEY, September 6, 2013—The world premiere of Angel Heart, a haunting and heady multimedia amalgam of storytelling, music, and design created for children and families, will be presented by Cal Performances on Sunday, October 6, at 5:00 p.m. in Hertz Hall. Angel Heart blends original music by award-winning composer Luna Pearl Woolf with familiar tunes and original text by bestselling children’s fantasy writer Cornelia Funke. The production brings together celebrated artists from multiple disciplines, including cellist Matt Haimovitz (Woolf’s husband) and his all-cello ensemble Uccello, soprano Lisa Delan, and mezzo-soprano Frederica von Stade, along with the Oakland-based Children’s Choir of St. Martin de Porres School, a vocal ensemble founded by von Stade. Two staged performances, one at Berkeley and one at Carnegie Hall, are scheduled in conjunction with the release of an Angel Heart book, CD, and iPad app.

The production was conceived by Delan and Woolf, who discovered they shared a “dream of lullabies.” As Woolf explains, “Each of us, unbeknown to the other, imagined creating the kind of recording we wanted to hear as we tucked our children in at night.” Both artists had also independently envisioned Haimovitz and Uccello as musical collaborators. Delan and Woolf compiled traditional folk songs and lullabies, added works by composers Lewis Spratlan, Jake Heggie, Gordon Getty, and David Sanford, and used popular songs by Engelbert Humperdinck and John Lennon and Paul McCartney to tell their tale. Woolf composed a score linking these disparate works, and she and Delan collaborated with German-born children’s author Funke to write a narrative.

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The *Angel Heart* book and CD package will be released on September 24. Renowned actor Jeremy Irons recorded the narration for the CD and iPad app. The same artists on the CD will perform in Berkeley, with the exception of the narrator (to be announced) and the Bay Area’s beloved mezzo-soprano Zheng Cao, who died in February 2013; the production is dedicated to Cao.

More about *Angel Heart*, including audio clips and information about the artists, can be found at [angelheartmusicstorybook.com](http://angelheartmusicstorybook.com).

**TICKET INFORMATION**

Tickets for *Angel Heart* on Sunday, October 6, at 5:00 p.m. in Hertz Hall are $36.00 and are subject to change; ages 16 and under are half price. Tickets are available through the Ticket Office at Zellerbach Hall; at (510) 642-9988; at www.calperformances.org; and at the door. For more information about tickets and discounts, go to [http://calperformances.org/buy/discounts.php](http://calperformances.org/buy/discounts.php) or call (510) 642-9988.

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Sunday, October 6, at 5:00 p.m.  
Hertz Hall, UC Berkeley Campus  
Bancroft Way at Telegraph Ave., Berkeley

For Families
*Angel Heart*, A music storybook  
Story by Cornelia Funke  
Music by Luna Pearl Woolf  
Created by Lisa Delan and Luna Pearl Woolf  
Matt Haimovitz and Uccello, cellos  
Lisa Delan, soprano

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Frederica von Stade, mezzo-soprano
Daniel Taylor, countertenor
Bruce Rameker, baritone
Dana Rath, mandolin
Children’s Choir of St. Martin de Porres School, Oakland
Narrator to be announced
Brian Staufenbiel, stage director

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