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**SOPRANO VIKTORIA YASTREBOVA REPLACES EKATERINA SEMENCHUK WHEN THE RISING STARS OF ST. PETERSBURG'S MARIINSKY ACADEMY PERFORM WITH PIANIST LARISSA GERGIEVA SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 AT 3:00 P.M. IN HERTZ HALL**

**BERKELEY, October 27, 2006** – Soprano **Viktoria Yastrebova** will replace mezzo-soprano **Ekaterina Semenchuk** when Russia's Mariinsky Academy of Young Singers in St. Petersburg returns to Cal Performances **Sunday, November 5 at 3:00 p.m.** at **Hertz Hall**, as part of Cal Performances' 06/07 Season Recital Series. Semenchuk has withdrawn from the tour due to personal reasons. Artistic director and pianist **Larissa Gergieva**, known for her ability to recognize and nurture artists on the cusp of international performance careers, will accompany Yastrebov and bass **Alexei Markov** in a program of duets and solos to be announced from stage.

**VIKTORIA YASTREBOVA**

**Viktoria Yastrebova** was born in Rostov-on-Don and graduated from the musical faculty Taganrog Pedagogical Institute and subsequently from the Rostov-on-Don Conservatory. She was a soloist with the Rostov Music Theater, where she performed the roles of Violetta (*La traviata*) and Cio-Cio-San (*Madama Butterfly*).

Yastrebova has been a soloist with the Mariinsky Academy of Young Singers since 2002 where she has performed the roles of Maria (*Mazeppa*), Polina (*The Enchantress*), Iolanta (*Iolanta*), Kupava (*The Snow Maiden*), Tsaritsa Militrisa (*The Tale of Tsar Saltan*), Violetta (*La traviata*), Lauretta (*Gianni Schicchi*), Micaëla (*Carmen*) and the Countess (*Le nozze di Figaro*). In 2004, she was a prize-winner at the International Moniuszko Vocalists' Competition in Warsaw and the VI International Rimsky-Korsakov Young Opera Singers' Competition in St Petersburg. Yastrebova has participated in many of the Young Artists concerts at the Mariinsky Academy.

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## TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets for the **Artists of the Mariinsky Academy: Viktoria Yastrebova and Alexei Markov** with pianist **Larissa Gergieva** on **Sunday, November 5 at 3:00 p.m.** in Hertz Hall are priced at **\$42.00**. Tickets are available through the Cal Performances Ticket Office at Zellerbach Hall; at (510) 642-9988 to charge by phone; at [www.calperfs.berkeley.edu](http://www.calperfs.berkeley.edu); and at the door. Half-price tickets are available for purchase by UC Berkeley students. UC faculty and staff, senior citizens and other students receive a \$2 discount, and UC Alumni Association members receive a \$3 discount (Special Events excluded). For more information, call Cal Performances at (510) 642-9988, or visit the Cal Performances web site at [www.calperfs.berkeley.edu](http://www.calperfs.berkeley.edu).

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#### *Recital*

**Artists of the Mariinsky Academy**

**Viktoria Yastrebova**, soprano

**Alexei Markov**, bass

**Larissa Gergieva**, piano

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