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## THE SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY PRESENTS ORGANIST IVETA APKALNA IN RECITAL SUNDAY, MARCH 28 AT DAVIES SYMPHONY HALL

WHAT: Latvian organist <u>Iveta Apkalna</u> makes her U.S. debut at Davies Symphony Hall Sunday, March 28 at 6 p.m. The concert is part of the San Francisco Symphony's organ recital series, new this season, and will feature works by Bach, Liszt, Aivars Kalejs, Prokofiev, and others.

Apkalna is a prizewinner of several international organ and piano competitions, including the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mikael Tariverdiev Organ Competition (2003) and the Royal Bank Calgary International Organ Competition (2002), where she received the Johann Sebastian Bach prize. Known for taking organ music beyond the borders of the church walls, Apkalna appears in concert throughout the world and has performed in numerous prestigious concert halls in Vienna, Berlin, Hamburg, and Leipzig, among others. She made her Berlin Philharmonic debut in Berlioz's *Te Deum* in 2007 and is a frequent guest performer at leading music festivals in Europe. Apkalna was awarded the 2005 "Instrumentalist of the Year" ECHO Klassik award. She is the first organist ever to receive this honor.

WHO: <u>Iveta Apkalna</u>, organ

**PROGRAM:** Bach / Toccata and Fugue in D minor, BWV 565

Liszt (transcribed by Jean Guillou) / Prometheus, Symphonic Poem No. 5, S99

Thierry Escaich / Evocation II

Aivars Kalejs / Toccata on the Chorale "Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr"

Jongen / Toccata, Opus 104 Jongen / Sonata *eroica*, Opus 94 Ēriks Ešenvalds / Fantasia

Prokofiev (transcribed by Jean Guillou) / Toccata, Opus 11

WHEN: Sunday, March 28 at 6:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Davies Symphony Hall, 201 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco

**TICKETS:** \$20-\$30; tickets are available at sfsymphony.org, by phone at 415-864-6000, and at the

Davies Symphony Hall Box Office, on Grove Street between Van Ness Avenue and

Franklin Street in San Francisco.