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Benefit Concert for Victims of the War in Ukraine

The Red Cross Luxembourg and the Philharmonie join the Orchestre Philharmonique du Luxembourg in presenting a benefit concert in aid of the victims of the conflict in Ukraine. The concert will take place at the Philharmonie on March 18, 2022 at 8 pm. All the evening's revenues will support the numerous initiatives of the Red Cross in this context.

During recent days, we have all witnessed the dramatic situation confronting the civilian population of Ukraine. For the Red Cross Luxembourg, it is essential to provide emergency aid, but also to appeal for donations, to ensure that humanitarian aid can also be provided now and over the coming weeks. For the Philharmonie, its staff and the musicians of the Orchestre Philharmonique du Luxembourg, it was a matter of course to join this initiative and support these humanitarian aid efforts. Presenting a benefit concert as soon as possible was the obvious step, and this will take place under the patronage of the president of the Red Cross Luxembourg, H.R.H. the Grand-Duchess.

The Red Cross Luxembourg's Work on Site

Those Ukrainians who have fled, but also all those who have remained within Ukraine, urgently require humanitarian aid, and there are multiple needs: first aid materials, food, money, potable water, personal hygiene items, warm clothing, blankets, but also lanterns. *«We will help the Ukrainian population, which is in a dramatic situation, wherever it needs help: families who are stranded within Ukraine, refugees at the borders and in Luxembourg,»* Rémi Fabbri, director of humanitarian aid at the Red Cross Luxembourg, declared. For this reason, the organization has provided immediate funds of 150,000 € from its reserves, and on March 2, thanks to the generosity of donors living in Luxembourg, another 200,000 € could be added, supporting the Red Cross Ukraine in its efforts to procure needed goods and mainly to organize the humanitarian intervention where it is required. In addition, teams are on site to help evacuate thousands of people, taking care of the wounded and transporting them to hospitals. This past weekend, 2,000 persons were trained in first aid, and the number of people joining the Red Cross Ukraine is steadily growing. *«This enables us to distribute food and first aid, to protect and evacuate children, their mothers and people with disabilities. We were also able to provide missing medical supplies for two hospitals in the Donetsk region, where the teams of the Red Cross Luxembourg are active, organizing the evacuation of wounded persons within the zone,»* Rémi Fabbri continued.

The Benefit Concert

The concert will be performed by the Orchestre Philharmonique du Luxembourg under the baton of Lionel Bringuier. They have the great pleasure to welcome the pianist Bruce Liu, winner of the most recent Chopin Competition in Warsaw and a young musician at the cusp of an incredible artistic career. The programme features the *Concerto for Piano and Orchestra No. 1* by Frédéric Chopin and the *Symphony No. 2* by Sergei Rachmaninov.

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Tickets to the concert may be purchased for 49 € apiece, except for tickets sold as part of the Phil27 initiative. Ticket sales began on March 3 at 10 am. The Red Cross Luxembourg, the Philharmonie and the OPL wish to thank all the partners who immediately offered their support, namely Elvinger Hoss Prussen, Julien Cliquet, Maison Moderne and Clifford Chance.

We are available to all those who wish to support this important undertaking. Further information can be found on the following websites:

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