

Vietnamese, Polish duo bring classics to Hà Nội

HÀ NỘI — A Vietnamese violinist and a Polish pianist, both young rising stars, are bringing the melodies of Chopin, Paganini, Wieniawski and Kreisler to the Hà Nội Opera House.

Polish pianist Katarzyna Borek and Vietnamese violinist Bùi Tuấn Dương will play the capital's grandest venue tonight and tomorrow night.

Borek's performance will feature masterpieces by F. Chopin, including *Andante Spianato and Grand Polonaise in E Major*, *Ballade in A Major* and *Grand Valse Brillante in E Major*.

Dương will play *Capriccio No.1* by N. Paganini, *Polonaise Brillante in A Major* by H. Wieniawski and *Recitativo and Scherzo-Capriccio* by F. Kreisler.

Borek, who is regarded as a rising star among young Polish pianists, has been

warmly received in many European countries.

Born in 1980 in the Polish city of Gdansk, Borek started studying piano at the age of six. She is currently enrolled in the Academy of Music in her home town.

Borek has earned several prestigious prizes in Polish and international competitions, such as Goettingen – Germany (1995), Moscow (1996), Wrolaw (1997), Darmstadt – Germany, Warsaw and Bydgoszez (1998).

Wide repertoire

Borek has a wide repertoire and has had great success with the pieces of Poland's leading composer, Frederic Chopin.

She is a recipient of a scholarship from the Polish Government and has been nominated to represent Po-

land in the F. Chopin International Piano Competition to be held in Warsaw next fall.

Nineteen-year-old violinist Bùi Tuấn Dương began playing the violin at the age of six. He studied at the Hà Nội Conservatory of Music under the guidance of Professor Ngô Văn Thanh.

He took first prize at the National Violin Competition in Hà Nội in 1993. Admitted to the Asian Youth Symphony Orchestra in 1997, Dương has performed in China, Singapore, Malaysia and the Republic of Korea.

He is now studying at the same Gdansk music academy as Borek.

Their performance tour, which is organised by the Ministry of Culture and Information in co-ordination with the Polish Embassy and the Hà Nội Opera House, will reach HCM City on August 27. — VNS



The players: Dương talks through a piece with Borek at yesterday's rehearsal. — VNS Photo Duy Nghĩa

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