

***Healthprom's third annual
Tribute concert to Mstislav Rostropovich***

**A chamber recital by Alexander Ivashkin, violoncello
and Irina Schnittke, piano**

**6.30pm, 3rd December 2009
Reform Club, 104 Pall Mall, London**

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The Patron of HealthProm, Baroness Smith of Gilmorehill, invites you to a chamber recital to be given by two well-known soloists in memory of Mstislav Rostropovich who died in 2007.

The recital will take place on December 3rd at the Reform Club, in the presence of the ambassadors of those countries where HealthProm operates. The evening will commence at 6.30pm with a champagne reception, and the recital at 7.45pm:

**Bach - Gamba Sonata in G major BWV 1027 (1720)
Schnittke – Cello Sonata No 1 (1978)
Prokofiev - Adagio from the ballet 'Cinderella' (1944)
Shostakovich – Moderato (1934)
Rostropovich – Humoresque, op. 5 (1949)**

Irina Schnittke, the pianist, lives in Hamburg and is the widow of the great Russian/German composer Alfred Schnittke (who wrote two operas, a symphony, concertos and many cello works for Mstislav Rostropovich). She studied at the Gnessin Institute in Moscow and played frequently with Rostropovich. Irina has a busy international career as a solo performer and in partnership with the Kronos Quartet, Gidon Kremer, Viktoria Postnikova and with the leading European orchestras. She has recorded for Sony Classical, Chandos, Naxos, EMI and Erato labels.

Alexander Ivashkin, the violoncellist, also trained at the Gnessin Institute in Moscow and pursued a career as a solo cellist at Rostropovich's recommendation. Apart from performing and recording widely, he is a Professor of Music at the University of London and directs the Adam International Cello festival/competition and Rostropovich Memorial chamber music festival in the Wigmore Hall. Alexander also published Rostropovich's biography in English, German and Japanese. Schnittke dedicated two of his cello works to Alexander Ivashkin.

In February-April 2008 Irina and Alexander performed a series of Mstislav Rostropovich In Memoriam concerts in London, Leeds, Cambridge, Paris, Colmar and St Petersburg.

At 8.45pm there will be canapés and drinks. After speeches, a fund-raising auction will take place. HealthProm Trustees will be in attendance.

Donations of £80 per person (or £140 for two) should be made by sending the attached form with a cheque payable to Healthprom to Paul Austin, Assistant Secretary, The Reform Club, 104, Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5EW (please mark the envelopes 'HealthProm Recital'). Enquiries can be directed to Yuliya Tkacheva at HealthProm (yuliya.tkacheva@healthprom.org)

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