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## Ikon Arts Management announces new season's signings



Ikon Arts Management announces new artist signings: vocal ensembles **Ex Cathedra** and **Vive**; pianist **Alexandra Dariescu**; and three new additions to our conductors list, **Nicolae Moldoveanu**, **Jason Lai** and **Dominic Peckham**.

Shortlisted this week for the Independent's Women of the Future Awards, inspiring young pianist **Alexandra Dariescu** recently gave her debut at the Royal Albert Hall with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra becoming the first ever Romanian female solo pianist to perform there. The 2013/14 season includes debuts with the Hallé Orchestra, Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra and KwaZulu-Natal Symphony in Durban.

We welcome back from a period of maternity leave Director Holly Skelton, who will be further developing our vocal specialism with the addition of two new ensembles, **Ex Cathedra** and **Vive**. **Ex Cathedra** has established an international reputation as one of the UK's leading choirs and early music ensembles. It aims to explore, research, and commission the finest choral music and to set the highest standards of excellence in performance and training.

Winner of the prestigious Voice Festival UK 2013 competition, **Vive** is a 6-part vocal group intent on re-defining the a cappella sound. These young and talented musicians have already worked with some of the finest names in jazz and a cappella, including Dame Cleo Lane, The Swingle Singers and Alec Dankworth. **Vive's** original arrangements and compositions bring rich, diverse harmonies with a fresh, contemporary sound taking inspiration from the legendary Take 6 and The Real Group.

Conductor **Nicolae Moldoveanu** is internationally renowned for his versatility, working with many of the world's most prestigious orchestras and opera companies. Well-loved by audiences in the UK, Moldoveanu has recently worked further afield with Teatro San Carlo di Napoli and the Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra. **Jason Lai** is a leading light in a new generation of Asian conductors and has recently been appointed Associate Conductor for both the Hong Kong Sinfonietta and the Singapore Symphony Orchestra.

**Dominic Peckham** is regarded as one of the UK's finest young, dynamic choral and orchestral conductors. A conductor of immense energy and focus, Peckham already holds a number of impressive posts. Last week saw the much anticipated Deloitte:Ignite Flashmob in the Royal Opera House Piazza where Peckham led over 500 singers including BBC Symphony Chorus and BBC brass players in a rousing rendition of 'Va, pensiero'.

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