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PRESS RELEASE

Cyprus Youth Symphony Orchestra VIRTUOSISMO

Under the auspices of his Excellency, the Ambassador of Italy in Cyprus Mr. Guido Carbon

Monday 28 March 2016 - Strovolos Municipal Theatre, 20:30

The Cyprus Youth Symphony Orchestra, under the Artistic Direction of Yiorgos Kountouris, is honoured to collaborate with Salvatore Accardo, one of the greatest violinists of all times in one evening concert which will be given on Monday 28 March 2016 at Strovolos Municipal Theatre at 20:30 and takes place under the auspices of his Excellency, the Ambassador of Italy in Cyprus Mr. Guido Carbon.

The famous violinist Salvatore Accardo will interpret Tchaikovsky's Violin concerto in D major, op. 35, which combines utmost lyricism with extreme virtuosity. The CyYSO will open the programme with Verdi's tempestuous overture from his opera *La forza del destino*, whilst in the second part, it will present Shostakovich's 9th Symphony in E flat major, op. 90.

Salvatore Accardo performed Paganini's 24 Capricci at his first professional recital in 1954 at the age of 13, whilst at age 15, he won the Geneva Competition. His rich musical activity, includes not only regular concerts with the world's leading orchestras and directors, but concerts as conductor. He has recorded the Paganini Capricci three time (including one with Charles Dutoit for DGG) and was the first ever violinist to record all Paganini's Concertos for violin. His numerous recordings include Bach's Sonatas and Partite, the Tchaikovsky, Dvořák and Sibelius Concertos with Colin Davis, the Mendelssohn Concerto with Charles Dutoit, the Brahms and Beethoven Concertos and Max Bruch's works for violin and orchestra with Kurt Masur (*Philips*). In his recordings "Homage to Heifetz" and "Homage to Kreisler" he plays the legendary violins from the collection of Palazzo Comunale di Cremona; for a *Dynamic* recording Accardo plays Paganini's violin. From 2011 to 2014 *Deutsche Grammophon* released three box sets entitled "L'Arte di Salvatore Accardo: una vita per il violin" (Salvatore Accardo's art: a lifetime devoted to the violin). Salvatore Accardo was awarded the "Premio Abbiati" by the Italian critics in recognition of the exceptional standard of his playing and interpretation. Italy's highest honour, the "Cavaliere di Gran Croce", was bestowed upon Accardo by the Italian Republic President of Italy in 1982. In 1999 he was granted the order of "Commandeur dans l'ordre du mérit culturel", the highest honour of the principality of Monaco.

The exciting programme, the familiar dynamism of the Cyprus Youth Symphony Orchestra under the direction of its conductor Yiorgos Kountouris, and the unique interpretative art of Salvatore Accardo, promise an unforgettable musical experience.

In collaboration with the Cultural Services of the Ministry of Education and Culture and with the aim to promote the musical development and creativity of young musicians, the CyYSO organises masterclasses with the great violinist, open to the public, on Tuesday 29 March from 15:00 to 21:00 at Pallas Theatre, Paphos Gate. Six talented advanced young violinists up to the age of 19 are given this precious opportunity. The violinists were selected after a competition open to candidates of any public or private music education programme or institution.

Tickets: €20, €10 (under 18, student-card holders and pensioners)

Presales: online at www.cyso.org.cy, at Pallas Theatre box office (Tel. 22 410181) every Wednesday, 16:00-19:00 and on the concert day at Strovolos Municipal Theatre box office, 18:30-20:30

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