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Press Release*

Promising to be one of the most significant musical highlights in the city of Newport, since the Hallé orchestra's visit in 1960 and the International Newport piano competition:

St Woolos Sinfonia - the city's professional orchestra-in-residence at its cathedral, its principal conductor, **Tianyi Lu** and the internationally acclaimed German soloists, **Gernot Süßmuth & Arne-Christian Pelz**, will team up to perform Brahms' Double Concerto in A minor Op. 102, for violin, cello & orchestra and Schumann's 1st symphony in Bflat major Op. 38 (Spring Symphony).

Tianyi Lu is a highly talented conductor from New Zealand. Since 2013, she has taken the St Woolos Sinfonia to new musical heights, when she started conducting the orchestra, whilst studying on a



Prince of Wales postgraduate fellowship at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, in Cardiff. Her musical talent and endless energy, combined with her natural ability to engage and guide orchestras under her baton, has led to her international career taking off and she is now one of the top, up and coming conductors of her generation, with engagements in Europe, USA, New Zealand and Australia. She is also a 2018 Gustavo Dudamel Fellow, with the Los Angeles Philharmonic and an assistant conductor with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra. www.tianyi-lu.com

Gernot Süßmuth, who has performed as a chamber musician, violin soloist and orchestra leader at all important podiums of the world, was Concertmaster of the Berlin Staatskapelle, under Daniel Barenboim. He is First Concertmaster of the Weimar Staatskapelle and professor of violin at the Franz Liszt Conservatoire in Weimar. He is one of the most sought after chamber musicians in Germany. In his international career, spanning three decades, he was a member of the internationally acclaimed, Petersen String Quartet, Artistic Director of the European Union Chamber Orchestra, Concertmaster of the Oregon Bach Festival and Intendant of the North Rhine-Westphalia Music Festival. www.gernotsuessmuth.de



Arne-Christian Pelz' early success at international music competitions, including the prestigious



JS Bach competition in Leipzig, led to soloist appearances and recitals throughout Europe and in the USA. After finishing top of his class, studying with Peter Bruns, at the Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy Conservatoire in Leipzig, he became the First Principal cello at the Hamburg Philharmonie. Since 2017 he has been First Principal cello at Deutsche Oper in Berlin. He is founding member of the award winning Leipzig Piano Trio, with whom he has performed throughout Europe and the USA. www.arne-christianpelz.com

The concert promises to be a musical milestone for both orchestra and city alike and will take place at St Woolos Cathedral on **Saturday 14th April 2018, at 7pm.**