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## PIANIST AND VIOLINIST WIN YOUNG CONCERT ARTISTS EUROPEAN AUDITIONS IN LEIPZIG, GERMANY

*September 14, 2010* - On Saturday, September 11, from 126 artists from 18 countries and 42 nationalities, the Jury of the Finals of the Young Concert Artists European Auditions in Leipzig's historic Hochschule für Musik und Theater "Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy," chose two First Prize Winners: **19-year-old violinist Marc Bouchkov**, and **21-year-old pianist Da Sol Kim**. They each received a \$1,000 prize and performed in the Prize Winners' Concert in the Mendelssohnhaus in Leipzig. Marc Bouchkov was also awarded the Usedom Music Festival Prize to appear at Germany's Usedom Festival on October 12.

The Jury was comprised of Chairman **Susan Wadsworth**; **Joel Shapiro**, pianist, Director of the European Auditions and YCA Alumnus; violinist **Christiane Edinger** (YCA Alumna); cellist **Robert Cohen** (YCA Alumnus); clarinetist **Michel Lethiec**; flutist **Robert Ehrlich**, Rektor of the Mendelssohn Hochschule; and Professor **Berthold Schmid**, tenor, also of the Hochschule.

The Young Concert Artists European Auditions were initiated in Leipzig in 1994 by Joel Shapiro to offer accessibility to musicians from European countries who might not otherwise be able to participate in the final rounds of the Auditions, which are held in New York City. Winners of the European Auditions are provided with round-trip air travel and accommodations in New York, to perform in the Semi-Finals of the Young Concert Artists International Auditions, held at Merkin Hall from November 2 to 4, 2010. The Finals take place on November 6 at the 92nd Street Y, and Winners are presented in New York and Washington concert debuts and receive career management services from Young Concert Artists, including concert engagements throughout the U.S.

The Young Concert Artists European Auditions are co-sponsored by Young Concert Artists, Inc. and the Hochschule für Musik und Theater "Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy."

Young Concert Artists, Inc., a non-profit organization founded by Susan Wadsworth in 1961, has launched the careers of many renowned musicians including violinist Pinchas Zukerman, pianists Murray Perahia, Richard Goode, Jean-Yves Thibaudet and Emanuel Ax, soprano Dawn Upshaw, and the Tokyo and St. Lawrence String Quartets.

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