

# London Philharmonic Orchestra

## Southbank Centre's Royal Festival Hall Saturday 21 October 2017

We regret that pianist Hannes Minnaar has had to withdraw from this evening's performance of Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 3 for family reasons. The London Philharmonic Orchestra is very grateful to **Frank Dupree** for taking his place at short notice.



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### FRANK DUPREE piano

German pianist Frank Dupree has recently come to international prominence as the laureate prize-winner of the 2014 Deutscher Musikwettbewerb in Bonn, captivating the judges with his musical maturity, refined technique and ability to draw a wide spectrum of sound and colour from the keyboard. A 'sincere, feeling, and enormously interesting artist, whom no doubt will be a major presence amongst the leading musicians of his generation', remarked renowned pianist Emanuel Ax.

Initially trained as a jazz percussionist, Frank celebrates the breadth and depth of the piano repertoire, ranging from baroque to classical to contemporary. He is especially enthusiastic about the music of living composers, having already worked closely with Péter Eötvös and Wolfgang Rihm, the latter of whose work *Con Piano? Certo!* was given its world premiere by Frank with conductor Justin Brown and the Badische Staatskapelle Karlsruhe in June 2015.

The coming seasons will see Frank continue his successful three-season residency with the Deutsche Staatsphilharmonie Rheinland-Pfalz, where he takes curatorial lead in a concert series entitled CONNECT IT!, featuring performances of all five Beethoven concerti which Frank will direct from the keyboard. Other highlights include concerts with the Orchestre de Chambre de Paris, Minnesota Orchestra, Malmö Symphony, Kristiansand Symphony, Auckland Philharmonia, Staatskapelle Weimar, Beethoven Orchester Bonn, Bern Symphony, Essen Philharmonic, Duisburg Philharmonic, Orchester Musikkollegium Winterthur, and Wrocław Philharmonic.

Chamber music plays an equally important part in Frank's career, and he has given concerts at the Auditorium du Louvre in Paris, Brussels BOZAR, Musikfestival Heidelberger Frühling, Verbier Festival Academy, Septembre Musicale in Montreux, Davos Festival, Festspiele Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, and Ludwigsburger Schlossfestspiele.