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Sarah Ioannides, Music Director

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**Spartanburg Philharmonic Orchestra presents
"Pictures at an Exhibition & Tchaikovsky's Violin"**

The Spartanburg Philharmonic Orchestra lead by Music Director Sarah Ioannides, will step onto the stage for the Grand Season Finale on Saturday, April 11, 2015, at 7:00 pm in Twichell Auditorium, for an eclectic and dynamic concert titled "*Pictures at an Exhibition and Tchaikovsky's Violin*".

A fabulous mix of visual and audial artistry, this performance will feature solo violinist Vadim Gluzman as he performs the Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto in D, and painter Julyan Davis who will be painting live on stage during the concert.

The orchestra will perform "*Wedding Day at Troldhaugen*" from Lyric Pieces by Edvard Grieg, the Tchaikovsky *Violin Concerto in D major*, and "*Pictures at an Exhibition*" by Modest Mussorgsky (arranged by Maurice Ravel).

A pre-concert talk will be given by Siegwart Reichwald in the Lawson Academy Recital Hall from 6:15 - 6:45. Valet parking will be provided.

**Tickets are \$20, \$30, or \$40 and can be purchased by calling the
Twichell Box Office at 864-596-9725
or online by visiting**

<http://www.converse.edu/arts/twichell-auditorium>

Vadim Gluzman's extraordinary artistry brings back to life the glorious violinistic tradition of the 19th and 20th centuries. His wide repertoire embraces contemporary music and his performances are heard around the world through live broadcasts and a striking catalogue of award-winning recordings exclusively for the BIS label. The Ukraine/ Israeli violinist appears regularly with major orchestras such as the Chicago Symphony, Philadelphia Orchestra, London Philharmonic, Israel Philharmonic, London Symphony, Leipzig Gewandhaus, Munich Philharmonic, San Francisco Symphony, Minnesota Orchestra and NHK Symphony; and with leading conductors including Neeme Järvi, Michael Tilson Thomas, Tugan Sokhiev, Andrew Litton, Marek Janowski, Jukka-Pekka Saraste, Itzhak Perlman, Paavo Järvi, Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos, Hannu Lintu and Peter Oundjian. His festival appearances include Verbier, Ravinia, Lockenhaus, Pablo Casals, Colmar, Jerusalem, and the North Shore Chamber Music Festival in Northbrook, Illinois, which was founded by Gluzman and pianist Angela Yoffe, his wife and long-standing recital partner. Notably, Gluzman plays on Leopold Auer's violin; the very Stradivarius that Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto was originally written to be played upon! For more info please visit VadimGluzman.com.

Music Director Sarah Ioannides said "Vadim is an astounding violinist! I find every time I hear him he reaches another level and I put him in a handful of the best living violinists of today. This will be the fourth concerto we have performed together and I am thrilled to perform with him again! It is wonderful that we are able to bring him back to Spartanburg and I hope many people will take this opportunity to hear one of the greatest living violinists."

The SPO is very excited to welcome visual artist, painter Julyan Davis who will be sitting in with the orchestra on stage creating a painting live in front of the audience who will be watching on a large screen displayed from the stage. Davis joins the musicians as a result of collaboration between the Spartanburg Art Museum, (SAM) and the Spartanburg Philharmonic.

Executive Director of SAM Elizabeth Goddard said, "The Spartanburg Art Museum is thrilled to partner with the Spartanburg Philharmonic Orchestra for their Season Finale concert. When the SPO'S Executive Director Kathryn Boucher approached me with the idea, my response was a resounding yes and having Julyan Davis on stage painting live to the music is a beautiful fit for a couple of reasons. A selection of his work, Dark Corners: The Appalachian Murder Ballads is on exhibit at SAM through April 19 and secondly, the paintings in this series are in part inspired by the regional music of the Appalachian mountains. Having a visual artist paint while musicians play is an amazingly creative collaboration and we are so pleased to bring such a unique and exciting program together with our cultural partners at SPO."

Davis is an English-born artist who now lives in Asheville, North Carolina. His work is exhibited internationally, and is in many public and private collections. Recent acquisitions include the Gibbes Museum in Charleston, the Greenville County Museum of Art (South Carolina), the Morris Museum (Augusta, GA) and the North Carolina Governor's Mansion and Western Residence. His newest work, interpreting traditional American ballads through the contemporary South, has been touring museums with accompanying lectures and musical performances. For more info please visit JulyanDavis.com

Tickets are available by calling 864-596-9725 or you can order online by visiting [the Twichell Auditorium](http://theTwichellAuditorium.com) online ticket site.

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