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**PRODIGY 'PIANO BROTHERS' ARTHUR & LUCAS JUSSEN TO PERFORM WITH CSO**  
*APRIL 26 & 27*



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**APRIL 4, 2013 | CHARLOTTE, NC** – In their second-ever public performance in the United States, the young and talented Dutch 'piano brothers' Arthur and Lucas Jussen will perform the Mozart Concerto No. 10 for Two Pianos with the Charlotte Symphony.

The Jussen brothers are a sensation in western Europe and are becoming increasingly known in the international music community as they appear in prestigious concert halls around the world. They made their U.S. debut with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra in 2010. Charlotte is ahead of the curve as only the second U.S. city to host the gifted duo, thanks to the fact that the Charlotte Symphony's Music Director Christopher Warren-Green had worked with the Jussen brother twice previously in Europe and was eager to share them with the Charlotte audience.

**"I look forward to the enthusiasm, youthfulness, and musicality they will bring to the concert, and I'm confident that our audience will love them,"** said Maestro Warren-Green said of Arthur and Lucas Jussen.

In addition to the Mozart Concerto No. 10 for Two Pianos , the Charlotte Symphony will also perform Strauss' "Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks" and Mendelssohn's "Italian" Symphony No. 4.

Lucas and Arthur come from a musical family (their mother is a flute teacher and their father a timpanist and percussionist in the Radio Philharmonic Orchestra), and they started their piano practice as early as five years old. Arthur says that his big brother Lucas really inspired him: "Because of Lucas I also started playing the piano and we rather quickly began playing together."

In 2005 Lucas and Arthur were invited by the Portuguese master pianist Maria João Pires to stay and study with her and they quickly became her proteges. "At the time I was eleven and Arthur was eight, and we were not really aware of the fact that we were studying with such a great pianist. She laid the building blocks," recalled Lucas. That same year they performed for the silver jubilee for Her Majesty Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands.

Fast forward to 2013. The Jussen brothers have released one gold and one platinum record under Deutsche Grammophon and traveled the world playing the piano, while Lucas (20) is studying at the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University with Menahem Pressler, and Arthur (16) is studying at home with respected Dutch pianist and piano pedagogue Jan Wijn.

**The Charlotte Symphony will perform with the Jussen brothers at 8 p.m. on Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27 at the Belk Theater. Tickets start at \$23.50 and can be purchased at [charlottesymphony.org](http://charlottesymphony.org) or by calling 704-972-2000.**

The audience is encouraged to join the Jussen brothers and host Meg Whalen for the informative pre-concert Musically Speaking Chat at 7:00 p.m., and to stay after the concert for the short, informal, Musically Speaking Talk-Back with Arthur, Lucas, and Music Director Christopher Warren-Green.

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