

Announcing the Queen Elisabeth Musical on Tour 2013

The Queen Elisabeth Music Chapel in Belgium is proud to announce the return of its Musical Voyage, a curated cruise tour across Europe and North Africa for music aficionados, featuring first class performances.

The biannual cruise features some of the world's most renowned musicians many of whom are Masters in Residence at the prestigious Music Chapel. The voyage will unite a love of music with a love of travel and discovery aboard 'The Silver Wind'. This year the journey will carry passengers to Barcelona, Palma (Majorca), Malta, Sicily, the Aeolian Islands, Ravello and Rome; from Tuesday 17th September to Tuesday 24th September. The programme will feature concerts both on the boat and on land in stunning venues along the route. Performers include: Masters in Residence Augustin Dumay, Abdel Rahman El Bacha, Gary Hoffman, with Frank Braley, Serguei Nakariakov, Kate Royal and Christopher Warren-Green, Sinfonia Varsovia, Vlaams Radio Koor, presenting soloists of the Music Chapel. The musical programme aboard the voyage is what makes it such a truly special occasion. The world-class musicians will serenade the passengers every evening of the trip for what will be a thoroughly intense and truly remarkable classical experience. The aim of the Musical Voyage is to provide a group of informed music lovers with the opportunity to explore the Music Chapel from the inside, together with rich and emotive musical experiences, in line with a superb spirit of companionship. For a whole week, several masters in residence and several guest soloists, approximately ten young soloists in residence at the Music Chapel and one of the best chamber orchestras in the world combine their talents to deliver to an enthusiastic audience, meetings, rehearsals, master classes and two daily concerts - one on board, the other on land, always at an exceptional location. Highlights include the inaugural concert in Barcelona at the Casa Llotja de Mar. Passengers from 'The Silver Wind' will be welcomed with a programme of Beethoven and Brahms. The artists will be accompanied by the Sinfonia Varsovia, conducted by renowned British conductor Christopher Warren-Green, who leads much of the wonderful music throughout the journey.

Queen Elisabeth Music Chapel

The Queen Elisabeth Music Chapel, with just 58 young musicians, is one of the most exclusive centres of excellence in Europe, and is renowned for its elite intake and output. It is distinguished by the high level of professional experience received by its young artists; from master-classes with performing musicians at the top of their field – the Masters in Residence, to concert collaborations with leading orchestras and ensembles. Founded in 1939 by Queen Elisabeth of Belgium and Eugene Ysaye, the Chapel has three core values: openness, flexibility and the search for excellence.