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Jakub Hrůša is returning to the Janáček Brno festival with the Staatskapelle Berlin and Jan Bartoš.

A change has been made to the Janáček Brno 2024 festival programme for the extraordinary orchestral concert by the Staatskapelle Berlin. Christian Thielemann, chief conductor of the Staatskapelle Berlin, has unfortunately had to cancel his appearance at the festival concert on 17 November due to injury.

We can announce with gratitude that, despite his busy schedule, conductor **Jakub Hrůša** has accepted a second invitation to this year's **festival** and, following great success in the opening concert with his Bamberger Symphoniker, he will again be appearing on the podium for the festival-closing performance by the visiting **Staatskapelle Berlin**. The outstanding pianist **Jan Bartoš** will be appearing as planned on the concert programme.

There has also been a change to the programme. Instead of compositions by Samy Moussa, Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy and Arnold Schoenberg, the Staatskapelle Berlin will be performing **Ludwig van Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 5 in E-flat major, Op. 73** and **Johannes Brahms's Symphony No. 1 in C minor, Op. 68**.

Jakub Hrůša is Chief Conductor of the Bamberg Symphony, Music Director Designate of the Royal Opera, Covent Garden, and Principal Guest Conductor of the Czech Philharmonic. For more information, please visit his website: <http://www.jakubhrusa.com/>

Thank you for understanding this unexpected change. We wish Christian Thielemann a speedy recovery.

Visitors can find up-to-date information about the festival and the possibility of purchasing tickets on-line at www.janacek-brno.cz.

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In addition to buying tickets, fans can also support the festival by making a patronage contribution and "adopting" a Golden or Silver Fox or a Fox Cub. They will then be considered valued patrons of the festival and, depending on the size of the contribution they make, will receive a number of benefits both during the festival and at other times.

This year, the festival is also offering new VIP tickets for selected performances which, in addition to promising the best seats in the house, provide the opportunity of drinking a toast in the VIP lounge or with the performing artists.

A festival pass is also available to festival-goers which will give them a 25 % discount when they purchase tickets for three or more performances and a 30 % discount when they purchase tickets for five or more performances.

The festival is held with the financial support of the Statutory City of Brno, the Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic, the Leoš Janáček Foundation and the South Moravian Region. The general partner of the festival is the Bohemian Heritage Fund, and its principal media partners are Czech Television and Czech Radio. The festival's principal partner is J&T banka.

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