

Press release

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## **Ode to Joy** **Composers meet poets meet composers**

"Every worry's wrinkles disappear, so long as the magic of the song rules" (Friedrich Schiller). For the Schiller Year 2005 and as part of the poesiefestival berlin, the Literaturwerkstatt Berlin has initiated a project together with the Konzerthaus Berlin that combines poetry and music. Eight composers will set to music poems by eight poets and premiere the resulting works on 23.06.05 in the Konzerthaus Berlin. The poets taking part are Marcel Beyer, Björn Kuhlígk, Michael Lentz, Ulrich Schlotmann, Nikolaus Schneider, Ulf Stolterfoht, Anja Utler and Uljana Wolf. Their poems will be put to music by Jean-Luc Hervé (France), Thomas Hummel (Germany), Tiziano Manca (Italy), Knut Müller (Germany), Sergej Newski (Russia), Enno Poppe (Germany), José Sánchez-Verdú (Spain) and Larisa Vrhunc (Slovenia). The works will be performed by Silke Evers (soprano), Dietrich Henschel (baritone), Axel Bauni (piano) and the Kairos Quartett.



The poesiefestival berlin will take place from 18th to 26th June 2005. This year focuses on the Spanish-speaking world, in collaboration with the Instituto Cervantes.

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### **Ode to Joy**

Thur 23 June 2005, 8 p.m.  
Konzerthaus Berlin  
Werner-Otto-Saal  
Gendarmenmarkt  
10117 Berlin

Ulrich Schlotmann/Jean-Luc Hervé  
Nikolaus Schneider/Thomas Hummel  
Ulf Stolterfoht/Knut Müller  
Anja Utler/Larisa Vrhunc  
Uljana Wolf/Tiziano Manca

With: Silke Evers (soprano)  
Dietrich Henschel (baritone)  
Axel Bauni (piano)  
Kairos Quartett

Works by:  
Marcel Beyer/Enno Poppe  
Björn Kuhlígk/ José Sánchez-Verdú  
Michael Lentz/Sergej Newski

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