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Vancouver Recital Society presents international opera star Angelika Kirchschrager

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(Vancouver, BC) – Austrian mezzo-soprano **Angelika Kirchschrager** will perform an evening of lieder at the **Chan Centre on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at 8.00pm**. The concert is presented by the Vancouver Recital Society (VRS) in collaboration with the Chan Centre, and the programme will include Schubert, Korngold and Weill. Her recital partner is Malcolm Martineau, one of the world's leading collaborative pianists for vocalists.

The VRS first presented Kirchschrager at the Chan Centre back in 1997. At the time, she was beginning to make waves in the opera world. Now she enjoys an international career as one of the most requested vocal artists before the public today, dividing her time between recitals and opera in Europe, North America and the Far East. She is internationally recognized as one of the foremost interpreters of Richard Strauss and Mozart.

Critics are lavish in their praise of her rich and elegant vocal style. *Newsday* likened her voice to “running your fingers through a stretch of warm, golden sand”, while the *San Francisco Chronicle* declared “her voice is pure gold”. Although Kirchschrager's fame is primarily due to her opera performances (she is most identified with the role of Octavian in Strauss' *Der Rosenkavalier*), she has a particular fondness for performing recitals featuring German lieder.

Born in Salzburg, Kirchschrager studied piano at the Mozarteum. Upon graduation from the "Muisches Gymnasium" in Salzburg, she enrolled at the Vienna Music Academy in 1984 where, in addition to studying voice with Professor Gerhard Kahry and the late Viennese baritone Walter Berry, she also studied percussion. For her outstanding contributions to the Vienna State Opera, her home theatre, the Austrian government awarded Ms. Kirchschrager the title of *Kammersängerin* in June 2007. In addition, Ms. Kirchschrager is a professor at the Mozarteum in Salzburg. She makes her home in Vienna.

Tickets available at www.ticketmaster.ca

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