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Vancouver Recital Society presents violinist Augustin Hadelich in his Vancouver debut at the Kay Meek Centre

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(Vancouver, BC) – The Vancouver Recital Society (VRS) presents violinist **Augustin Hadelich** in his Vancouver debut at the **Kay Meek Centre** in West Vancouver on Sunday, May 2, 2010 at 3.00pm. He will be accompanied by acclaimed collaborative pianist **Robert Kulek**. Their programme includes works by *Beethoven, Ysaÿe, Poulenc & Prokofiev*. A pre-concert talk will commence at 2.15pm.

Hadelich is an extraordinary and unique 26-year-old artist. In just over 10 years, he has made an incredible journey from the point of almost losing his life in a fire at his family's farm in Italy, to the stage of Carnegie Hall. His is a story of triumph over adversity. He was told that he would never play again, and required extensive rehabilitation to regain the use of his bow arm and hand. It is testimony to his talent and sheer determination that he has established himself as a rising star among a new generation of violinists.

Recently described by *The New York Times* as possessing “dazzling technique, a gorgeous tone and penetrating, spontaneous musicality”, Hadelich was winner of the 2009 Avery Fisher Career Grant and gold medallist of the 2006 International Violin Competition of Indianapolis. His versatility across the entire spectrum of the violin repertory is astounding, as is his refreshingly authentic interpretations of all the music he performs. As first-prize winner of the Indianapolis Competition, he plays on the 1683 ex-Gingold Stradivari violin.

Born in Italy in 1984, the son of German parents, Hadelich holds a graduate diploma and Artist Diploma from The Juilliard School where he was a student of Joel Smirnoff. An enthusiastic recitalist, Hadelich has appeared at the Frick Collection (New York), the Walter Reade Theater at Lincoln Center, Kennedy Center, the Chamber Music Society of Detroit and Clark Memorial Library (Los Angeles). In addition to his Carnegie Hall appearances he has performed with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Deutsche Radio Philharmonie/Saarbrücken-Kaiserslautern, Dresden Philharmonic, Orchestre Philharmonique de Monte-Carlo, Museumsorchester Frankfurt, São Paulo Symphony and Tokyo Symphony.

Robert Kulek performs with some of the foremost musicians of today, including Kyung-Wha Chung, Gil Shaham, Nikolaj Znaider, Julia Fischer, Arabella Steinbacher, Daniel Müller-Schott and Matt Haimovitz. He was born in Riga, Latvia and immigrated with his family to the United States at the age of 9. He began his musical education in Mannes College of Music with Elena Leonova, continuing at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London with Joan Havill and Yale University with Boris Berman and Claude Frank. He currently resides in the Netherlands.

Tickets available at www.ticketmaster.ca or at the Kay Meek Centre www.kaymeekcentre.com

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