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Vancouver Recital Society presents Chinese classical guitarist Xuefei Yang

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(Vancouver, BC) – The Vancouver Recital Society (VRS) presents Chinese classical guitar virtuoso **Xuefei Yang** at the **Vancouver Playhouse on Sunday, April 26, 2009 at 7.30pm**. This concert will mark Yang's Vancouver debut and her programme will include selections from Bach, Wang, Goss, Granados, Albeniz and Tarrega.

Yang has pioneered the art form of classical guitar in China where she was the first guitarist to enter a music school and graduate from the Central Conservatory of Music in Beijing with a bachelor's degree. She was also the first guitarist from her country to study classical guitar in the west when she began her studies at the Royal Academy of Music in London on a full scholarship.

Now an international star, Yang is attracting rapturous reviews for both her live performances and recordings for EMI Classics. She is known for her brilliant technique, tonal sensitivity and the emotional depth she conveys when playing. *The New York Times* enthused over her "feisty virtuosity, impeccable technique and sensitive musicianship" and *Gramophone* magazine declared "the guitar world has a new star".

Born in Beijing, Yang began playing the guitar at age seven and soon after made her debut appearance at the First China International Guitar Festival. She gained immediate acclaim and, during her school years, she played extensively throughout China, Hong Kong, Macau, Spain and Australia and gave concert tours in Taiwan, Japan and Portugal. Yang has studied with Michael Lewin, John Mills and Timothy Walker at the Royal Academy of Music. She won the Dorothy Grinstead Prize and was also awarded the highest performance award conferred by the Royal Academy.

Yang has performed throughout the UK, Europe, Asia and North America at such prestigious venues as Wigmore Hall in London, the Philharmonie Berlin, Concertgebouw Amsterdam, and Lincoln Center in New York. She has also played concertos with leading orchestras including the English Chamber Orchestra, BBC Concert Orchestra, Royal Scottish National Orchestra, Seoul Philharmonic Orchestra, Deutsche Radiophilharmonie Saabrücken Kaiserslautern, the Hong Kong Philharmonic and the Barcelona Symphony Orchestra.

Tickets available at www.ticketmaster.ca

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