



Press Release

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## **IDSÖ DENİZBANK CONCERTS OPEN THE NEW SEASON ON 4 OCTOBER!**

**IDSÖ (Istanbul State Symphonic Orchestra) DenizBank Concerts start on 68<sup>th</sup> year of IDSÖ with a concert led by the famous conductor Gürel Aykal. IDSÖ DenizBank concerts opening will be held in wonderful acoustics and atmosphere of Hagia Irene.**

“IDSÖ DenizBank Concerts” organized with contribution of **DenizBank**, which has been the corporate sponsor of **IDSÖ** (Istanbul State Symphonic Orchestra) for 9 years with the mission of supporting culture and arts in Turkey will greet the audience at 20:00 on Friday, 4 October 2013.

Managed by the world-famous conductor Güler Aykal, IDSÖ will be accompanied by Soprano Evren Işık, Alto Nesrin Gönüldağ, Tenor Ünüshan Kuloğlu, and Bass Erdem Baydar in this concert, while performing Beethoven’s 9<sup>th</sup> symphony with Istanbul Symphony Chorus managed by Gökçen Koray. The 9<sup>th</sup> symphony, the first symphony where human voice is used, will be performed with unique interpretations of artists in IDSÖ DenizBank Opening Concert to offer an unforgettable night for the audience.

### **DenizBank supports culture and arts**

Aiming at growing interest in arts, thus enriching social life in Turkey, DenizBank continues to support IDSÖ during the season 2013-2014. The Orchestra was founded in 1945 under the name of ISO and has a history of 68 years. Under the name of IDSÖ DenizBank Concerts; there will be 34 performances in 6 different venues including Hagia Irene Museum, Caddebostan Cultural Center, Zorlu Center, Fulya Cultural Center, İkitelli Cultural Center and Lütfi Kırdar International Congress and Exhibition Hall.



## Selected works from 2013-2014 concert season

Following the IDSÖ DenizBank Concerts opening, there will be "Poland Week" on 11 October in Hagia Irene where famous pianist Gülsin Onay and famous violinist Agata Szycmewska will perform as soloists. During the concert on 22 November in Fulya Cultural Center, IDSÖ will celebrate 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary of having State Orchestra title, and the orchestra conducted by Theodore Kuchar will accompany Ersin Pamukçu (viola). During the New Year concert on 27 December, the orchestra conducted by Dorian Wilson will accompany Osipov Balalaika Orchestra with a reach repertoire made up of popular songs and arias in Lütfi Kırdar Congress and Exhibition Hall. During the first concert of the New Year in Zorlu Center on 3 January 2014, IDSÖ will be conducted by Stefano Mazzoleni and accompany famous soloist İdil Biret. On St. Valentine's Day, a concert will be held in Fulya Cultural Center where Anton Martynov'un will be both conductor and soloist and perform Romeo and Juliet Orchestral Suite of S. Prokofiev. Children's Day Concert to be held on 25 April will take place in Fulya Cultural Center, and the orchestra conducted by Antonio Pirulli will perform Peter and the Wolf of S. Prokofiev and narrator will be famous actress Yıldız Kenter.

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