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## *Celebrity of the Day*



Canadian-born violinist **LARA ST. JOHN** has been described as "something of a phenomenon" by The Strad and a "high-powered soloist" by the New York Times.

She has performed as soloist with the orchestras of Cleveland, Philadelphia, Minnesota, Seattle, Brooklyn, Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver, the Boston Pops and many more in North America. In Europe, she has played with the NDR Symphony (Hanover), Zurich Chamber Orchestra, Ensemble Orchestral de Paris, Bournemouth Symphony and the Amsterdam Symphony, among others. LARA has performed extensively throughout Asia and has also appeared with the Queensland Orchestra in Australia.

**LARA**'s seventh recording (due out April 15) is "Vivaldi: The Four Seasons/ Piazzolla: The Four Seasons of Buenos Aires."

**LARA St. JOHN**'s brilliant musicianship, striking looks and dynamic personality have made her an authentic classical superstar.

Manhattan-based **ST. JOHN** has performed in over 80 countries on five continents.

**LARA** began playing the violin when she was 2 years old. She made her first appearance as soloist with orchestra at age 4, and her European debut with the Gulbenkian Orchestra in Lisbon when she was 10. She toured Spain, France, Portugal and Hungary at ages 12 and 13, entered the Curtis Institute at 13, and spent her first summer at Marlboro three years later.

**LARA** performs on a 1779 Guadagnini violin on loan from an anonymous donor. This instrument is the finest surviving violin by this famous maker who was a contemporary of Stradivarius. Her instrument is valued at over \$1 million.

**ST. JOHN** started her own independent record label Ancalagon in 2000. Her discography includes "Bach: Works for Violin Solo," "Bach: The Concerto Album" and "Bach: The Six Sonatas and Partitas for Violin Solo. Her last release consisted of world premieres with London's Royal Philharmonic and the Suite from the film "The Red Violin." This disc was rated Best Contemporary Album of 2008 on iTunes Canada. She has also record an project with MAGNUS FIENNES( brother of RALPH) for Sony Classical.

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