



## INTERNATIONAL SOPRANO CHEN REISS FOUNDS MUSICAL SALON IN PARIS

Internationally acclaimed soprano Chen Reiss founds the new musical association Sourire Music in collaboration with the Parisian 'hotel particulier' Sourire de Passy. The association is dedicated to supporting and promoting classical musicians at the start of their career by providing them with training, guidance, and a performance platform. These opportunities will help talented young artists to bridge the gap between their formal music education and professional career.

Inspired by the Parisian salons of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, Sourire Music aims to establish a musical meeting place in the heart of Paris and walking distance to Radio France. The next generation of musicians will be able to exchange ideas and share experiences with established artists in the intimate surroundings of a boutique hotel in the 16<sup>th</sup> arrondissement. Plans include a concert series featuring prominent musicians in collaboration with young performers, as well as interdisciplinary education programmes and high-quality music lectures.

The association's first series of events will be **an exclusive three-day vocal masterclass** with **Chen REISS** and pianist **Morgane FAUCHOIS** from **2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> February 2023**. The course will end with a public concert enabling participants to showcase their talents.

**Internationally acclaimed soprano, Chen REISS, said:** *'This is a very exciting new project close to my heart. The transition from a formal musical education to launching a professional career is a difficult step for young musicians. This is why prominent artists need to lead by example to inspire the next generation of performers. Sourire Music is dedicated to offering the necessary support and guidance, as well as giving young artists the opportunity to perform and exchange ideas with established industry professionals.'*

**Proprietor of Sourire de Passy, Ilhame AURENTY, said:** *'Sourire de Passy is thrilled to host Sourire Music. A fruitful exchange of ideas can only happen in the right location: our boutique hotel is specialized in small and intimate events organization and music is a crucial part of what we bring to our clients. I am very proud to provide an intimate and relaxed space to support young artists for innovative events.'*



## ABOUT CHEN REISS

With “immaculately produced and enticing tone matched by superb musicianship” (Opera News, USA), soprano Chen Reiss is a regular guest with major institutions including the Vienna State Opera, Teatro Alla Scala, Royal Opera House Covent Garden, Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, BBC Proms, Lucerne Festival, the Israel and Munich Philharmonic, the Chicago Symphony, Los Angeles Philharmonic, Orchestre de Paris, as well as at Vienna’s Musikverein, Wigmore Hall, Philharmonie Berlin, and Palais des Beaux-Arts in Brussels. She counts among her collaborators such conductors as Semyon Bychkov, Zubin Mehta, Daniel Barenboim, Gustavo Dudamel, Christoph Eschenbach, Daniele Gatti, Manfred Honeck, Paavo Järvi, Vladimir Jurowski, Antonio Pappano, Lahav Shani, Christian Thielemann and Franz Welser-Möst. Her operatic repertoire includes Mozart and Handel heroines, Gilda (Rigoletto), Adina (L’Elisir d’amore), Zdenka (Arabella), Sophie (Der Rosenkavalier) and the title role in The Cunning Little Vixen. Her concert repertoire spans from Bach and Haydn, through Rossini and Mahler, to Berg and Strauss. She has recorded widely from Cimarosa and Salieri to Fauré, Mahler, Stravinsky and Lehar, and in 2020 releases an album of rare Beethoven arias and songs. In 2014 Reiss was invited to sing for Pope Francis during the Christmas Mass, which was broadcast worldwide. With the Vienna Philharmonic she was the guest soloist at the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of Tokyo’s Suntory Hall, and with the Orchestre National de France she took part in the 2019 Bastille Day ‘Concert de Paris’, televised live from Paris’s iconic Eiffel Tower. Accompanied by the Berlin Philharmonic and Sir Simon Rattle, she sang the soundtrack to ‘Perfume: The Story of a Murderer’. Chen has been giving Masterclasses regularly since 2014 in the UK, Germany, Israel and more.



## ABOUT SOURIRE DE PASSY

An elegant manor in the neo-Gothic architectural style built in 1909, formerly on the grounds of the Château de Boulainvilliers. Sourire de Passy is a haven of peace in the chic 16<sup>th</sup> arrondissement. Located a few steps away from the Eiffel tower and from Radio France, home of the Philharmonic and the National orchestra, Sourire de Passy is a Boutique Hôtel, specialized in intimate and luxury events organization for well-known brands and companies as well as for exceptional private venues. With a vegetal rooftop and two large reception halls that can be converted into a “salon de musique”, a showroom, a business meeting room for executive boards, a restaurant and more, Sourire de Passy is proposing an infinity of potential settings for the organization of unique events. Each participant will be able to enjoy an exceptional environment, entirely dedicated to work, innovation, reflection or relaxation in an atmosphere that will allow them to feel at home.

