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European Union Chamber Orchestra to perform in Siem Reap

The European Union Chamber Orchestra (EUCO) returns to Cambodia for the second time with a performance at Siem Reap's Grand Hotel d'Angkor at 19.00hrs on Friday 1st December 2000.

Set to take place in the presence of Her Royal Highness Buppha Devi, Minister of Culture of the Royal Cambodian Government, the programme will feature an interesting array of works from some of the world's most famous composers: Vivaldi's Concerto Grosso, Elgar's Serenade for Strings, Mozart's Divertimento in F K.138, and Grieg's Quartet for Strings.

Bringing together talented young European musicians from the 15 Member States of the European Union, the EUCO gave its first concerts in 1981 and has since gained worldwide reputation as a musical ambassador for the European Union.

"The group serves two purposes," says Ambrose Miller, the EUCO's Director. "On the one hand we aim to give the highest level musical performances, making us competitive with the most prestigious chamber orchestras in the world; and on the other, there is the diplomatic aspect – we are cultural representatives of the European Union."

The performance marks the second time in two years that the EUCO has played in Cambodia. Last year the EUCO's Phnom Penh concert was sold out while the orchestra also performed a private concert at the Royal Palace to mark the auspicious occasion of His Majesty the King's Birthday anniversary

With an annual schedule of more than 70 concerts, the EUCO has performed in many prestigious halls such as Amsterdam Concertgebouw, Frankfurter Alte Oper, Brussels' Palais des Beaux Arts and the Symphony Hall in Birmingham. The Orchestra has also appeared at such international festivals as Flanders, Echternach, the Rheingau Musikfest and Brandenburgische Sommerkonzerte.

The EUCO's performance in Siem Reap is presented by the European Union Member States' Embassies and the Delegation of the European Commission to Cambodia in collaboration with the Grand Hotel d'Angkor and Bangkok Airways.

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