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Milica Paranosic wins 2012 ACO / LVMH commission

World Premiere Concert – October 26, 2012 at Zankel Hall, Carnegie Hall

Marks Fourth Commission and Premiere to Come from Partnership Between LVMH and ACO

New York, NY, May 02, 2012 – LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton, the world’s leading high quality products group, and acclaimed new music orchestra American Composers Orchestra (ACO) are pleased to announce that Milica Paranosic has been selected to receive the fourth ACO / LVMH-sponsored artistic commission. ACO’s Orchestra Underground will perform the world premiere of the work featuring electronics, projections and orchestra at Carnegie Hall’s Zankel Hall.

Renaud Dutreil, Chairman of LVMH Inc. in North America, said of Milica’s work, “As an organization with a strong living cultural heritage, we are very excited to promote Milica’s piece. The way Milica brings a story to life giving you a pallet of visuals through all aspects of sound is truly inspiring. The creativity and authenticity that emanates from her work reflects LVMH’s Art de Vivre values.”

Robert Beaser, Artistic Director of American Composers Orchestra, said, “American Composers Orchestra is delighted to be working with LVMH on this fourth commission and premiere. It is enormously exciting that our partnership will provide an opportunity and exposure for as creative a composer as Milica. LVMH’s exceptional belief in the power of great new music by young composers makes our partnership one of energy, commitment and synergy.”

About Milica Paranosic
Born in Belgrade, Paranosic lives in New York City. As a composer/sound designer/conceptual and multimedia artist/educator and producer, she has provoked audiences from opera-goers to soccer fans.

Classically trained, Paranosic prefers calling herself “classically challenged” as her influences are just as much the ones from the street and pop culture as the ones from her formal education.

Paranosic writes music, concepts, sounds, computer patches, theatrical scripts, short stories, and uses human voice, found objects, technological tools and musical instruments as her music carriers, giving them equal “rights.”

Paranosic first came to the attention of ACO through its annual new music readings, a nationwide professional development program providing career-building experience and exposure to aspiring orchestral composers.
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