Haifa University Hecht Museum Auditorium Israel Organ Association

**The Israel International Organ Festival 2017-2018**

November 17, 2017 at 11.00

Opening Concert

Organ: **Yuval Rabin** (Israel-Switzerland)

Musical Director of the Festival

Cello: **Jhon Hernandez** (Venezuela)

**Program**

**Johann Sebastian Bach** Sonata for Gamba and Keyboard (1685-1750) instrument in G Major (BWV 1027)

Adagio

Allegro ma non tanto

Andante

Allegro moderato

**Oskar Wermann** Sonata for Cello and Organ First Movement

 (1840-1906)

**Camille Saint Saens** Prayer for Cello and Organ

(1835-1921)

**Julius Klengel** Suite for Organ and Cello op. 54 (1859-1933)

Allegro patetico

Pastorale

Sarabande

Chaconne

**Dr. Yuval Rabin** was born in 1973 in Haifa, Israel. He studied at the Jerusalem Rubin Academy of Music and Dance, organ (under E. Roloff), music theory, baroque music and musical education (B.Mus. 1995, B.Ed.Mus. 1996). He further studied at the ‘Musik Akademie der Stadt Basel’ organ and improvisation with Guy Bovet, and Harpsichord and Clavichord with M. Hüninger at the ‘Schola Cantorum Basiliensis’, and earned “Solisten-Diplom” with distinction (2001). Y. Rabin has participated in festivals in Israel, Italy and Switzerland since 1991, and performed as an organist, clavichord-player and harpsichordist; as a soloist, in ensembles, with orchestras and with choirs in many countries in West- and Eastern Europe, Japan and in Israel. His repertoire embraces a wide spectrum ranging from the music of the Middle Ages to contemporary music and transcriptions. Yuval Rabin has given the world premieres of a number of works, some of them dedicated to him, since 1995, and he maintains close contact with contemporary composers.

As musicologist, Yuval Rabin research fields are mainly: analysis, musical syntax, historical performance practice, and Jewish music. In 2014 he received his Ph.D. from the Hebrew University for his dissertation titled: The phenomenon of varied repeats by C. Ph. E. Bach and its uniqueness (supervisors: Prof. D. Cohen and Prof. N. Wagner).

He was recorded by various broadcasting corporations (such as the Israeli, Swiss, Slovenian etc.), as well as by MDG (Musikproduktion Dabringhaus und Grimm) who published his CDs “Organ Music from Israel” in 2001, a Mendelssohn collected Works CD in 2013 and C. Ph. E. Bach Organ music with varied repeats in 2014, which received "5 stars" in the magazine *Choir and Organ*.

Yuval Rabin is the musical director of the Israel International Organ Festival organized by the Israel Organ Association since 2011, and of the Jewish Music Days Festival since 2013.