

SEONG-JIN CHO, CHOPIN COMPETITION GOLD MEDALIST COMES TO SILICON VALLEY

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Seong-Jin Cho, Gold Medalist at the 17th Chopin International Piano Competition and recently chosen by the Berlin Philharmonic to fill in for ailing superstar pianist Lang Lang, will present a solo recital on Monday, Memorial Day, May 28 at 2:30 p.m. at the California Theatre in San Jose. Fans will especially appreciate that the concert takes place on Cho's 24th birthday. An introductory lecture precedes the concert.

"... this latest Chopin Competition winner can stand proud next to the likes of such illustrious past winners as Pollini, Argerich and Zimerman" Pianist, February 2016

WHO: Steinway Society - The Bay Area presents Chopin International Competition Gold Medalist Seong-Jin Cho

WHAT: Classical Piano Recital

WHEN: Sunday May 28, 2:30 p.m.

WHERE: California Theatre, San Jose, CA

PROGRAM:

- Schumann, Fantasiestücke, Op 12
- Beethoven, *Sonata No. 8 in C minor, Op. 13 (Pathétique)*
- Debussy, *Images, Book 2*
- Chopin, Piano Sonata No. 3 in B minor, Op. 58

TICKETS/INFO: Single Tickets: \$40-\$85. Senior/Student Discounts Available www.steinwaysociety.com or (408) 990-0872

More information: Widely considered a virtuosic and poetic new talent on the classical piano music scene, South Korea's Seong-Jin Cho has won awards at three of the best-recognized competitions: Gold at the Chopin International Piano Competition, and Third Prize at both the [International Tchaikovsky Competition](#) (Moscow) and the Arthur Rubinstein International Piano Master Competition in Tel Aviv.

His Silicon Valley concert in May replaces one that he canceled in November, 2017 because Sir Simon Rattle and the Berlin Philharmonic asked him to join its Asia tour when an arm injury incapacitated scheduled pianist Lang Lang. Cho's May concert for Steinway Society falls on his 24th birthday.

His success and fame continue to skyrocket internationally. His Deutsche Grammophon debut album and his just-released CD, *Debussy* have achieved chart-topping status. He has also made high-profile appearances at Carnegie Hall, appearances with the Russian National Orchestra under celebrated conductor Mikhail Pletnev, the Liverpool Philharmonic, and a North American tour with the Warsaw Philharmonic.

“Everything is poetic, introspective, graceful”, noted the *Financial Times* in reviewing Cho's CD recording of Chopin's 24 Préludes, Op.28, while the *Guardian* concluded that “the restraint and subtle discrimination of Cho's playing, combined with his silvery, never fulsome sound, is constantly beguiling ... nothing is done just for show; it's all about the music.”

Additional information, reviews and recordings are available at his website <http://www.seongjin-cho.com/>

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