

# Benjamin Grosvenor and Charlie Albright

## Highlight Steinway Society Season 24

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San Jose, CA – A line-up of international piano stars awaits classical music lovers in the 24th season of Steinway Society - The Bay Area. The season launches on September 15 and includes a concert each month through May 11, 2019.

“This season’s artists are all top international performers who are widely praised for their depth of artistry as well as their audience appeal,” said Lorrin Koran, MD, President of the Board for Steinway Society — The Bay Area. “They are artists that add greatly to the luster of the classical music coming to Silicon Valley next season.”

### THE CONCERT LINE-UP:

- September 15 (Saturday) - **Zlata Chochieva** –Gramophone includes her in their Top Ten Chopin CDs; her Rachmaninoff is so masterful that at age 12 she gave a recital shown on Russian TV.
- October 13 (Saturday) - **Vladimir Ovchinnikov** – The only pianist to win the top prize at both the Tchaikovsky and the Leeds Competitions. He is now a professor at the Moscow Conservatory.
- November 11 (Sunday) - **Henry Kramer** - Laureate of the 2017 American Pianist Association Awards and lauded as “triumphant” and “thrilling” by *The New York Times*.
- December 8 (Saturday) – **Sandra Wright Shen** - A Bay Area treasure, international star, and Steinway Artist who is among Silicon Valley’s most treasured classical musicians.
- January 12, 2019 (Saturday) - **Kate Liu** - First Prize winner at both at the New York and the Asia-Pacific International Chopin Competitions, she has appeared on PBS’s “From the Top at Carnegie Hall.”
- February 10 (Sunday) – **Vyacheslav Gryaznov** – He thrilled our audience receiving three encores in 2016, has played Berlin Philharmonie and Carnegie Hall, and composes piano transcriptions that are popular world-wide.
- March 12 (Tuesday) – **Benjamin Grosvenor** – One of the world’s most sought-after pianists, he has been featured in two BBC documentaries and is the youngest British musician ever signed by Decca Classics.
- April 6 (Saturday) – **Nikolay Khozyainov** - *The New York Times* praised his “stunning virtuosity and prodigious technique.” His sold-out concerts bear witness to that.
- May 11 (Saturday) – **Charlie Albright** – Praised by *The New York Times* for his “jaw-dropping technique and virtuosity meshed with a distinctive musicality” the super-star American pianist has performed with Bobby McFerrin, Joshua Bell, and Yo-Yo Ma.

PERFORMANCE LOCATIONS: All performances in the 2018-19 season will be held at the Trianon Theatre, 72 North 5th Street in downtown San Jose, with the exception of the October 13 and March 12 concerts which will be held at McAfee Performing Arts Center at 20300 Herriman Avenue (just off Saratoga Sunnyvale Road) in Saratoga.

TICKETS/INFO: [www.steinwaysociety.com](http://www.steinwaysociety.com) or (408) 990-0872

Season Subscriptions (8 concerts) range from \$225 to \$360

Mini-Series Subscription (4 concerts) range from \$125 to \$200

Single Tickets: \$40-\$60. Senior/Student Discounts Available

PHOTOS: International piano star Benjamin Grosvenor, in solo recital March 12, 2019, is among the celebrated pianists coming to Silicon Valley in the 24th season of Steinway Society - The Bay Area. The season kicks off on September 15, 2018 and includes notables such as Sandra Wright Shen who is bringing a holiday concert in December, and noted American pianist Charlie Albright, who has performed with Joshua Bell and Yo-Yo Ma. Benjamin Grosvenor photos courtesy of Steinway Society – The Bay Area.

Hi-res photos of all artists are available via [marketing@steinwaysociety.com](mailto:marketing@steinwaysociety.com)

ABOUT US: Steinway Society - The Bay Area is a non-profit organization, based in Silicon Valley. Now entering its 24th year in San Jose, this dedicated group of musicians, pianists, teachers and arts lovers promotes excellence in piano performance and music education. Each season, Steinway Society presents a series of classical piano concerts featuring international award-winning pianists, and works with students and school leaders to bring musical performances to the schools.

For more information on Season Subscriptions, the artists and Steinway Society, visit [www.SteinwaySociety.com](http://www.SteinwaySociety.com)

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