

**MANASSE/NAKAMATSU DUO TO STEP IN FOR VLADIMIR
OVCHINNIKOV OCTOBER 13, 2018 AT McAFEE PERFORMING ARTS
CENTER**

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REPLACING PRESS RELEASE FOR VLADIMIR OVCHINNIKOV, WHO IS UNABLE TO TRAVEL TO THE U.S. ON THE SCHEDULED DATE.

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The Manasse/Nakamatsu Duo, comprised of clarinetist Jon Manasse and pianist Jon Nakamatsu is among the most exciting duos in classical music today. Steinway Society is delighted to announce that the Duo will be appearing October 13 at 7:30 p.m. at McAfee Performing Arts Center. With two CDs, and multiple original compositions that are delighting fans, the Manasse/Nakamatsu Duo has the pulse of what audiences love: brilliant programming, beautiful execution, and captivating music with insightful interpretations. Their mix of classical and jazzy classical renditions has audiences and CD buyers cheering. The Bay Area's own Jon Nakamatsu could hardly be more popular locally, and yet he has done it. A long-time friend of Steinway Society, Mr. Nakamatsu agreed to schedule this special performance when Vladimir Ovchinnikov was unable to make the date.

Tickets: www.SteinwaySociety.com

“Manasse and Nakamatsu played with amazing virtuosity and with a considerable sense of fun and wit. Their thoroughly engaging playing brought the audience to its feet for prolonged enthusiastic applause.” CVNC.org

WHO: Steinway Society - The Bay Area presents JON NAKAMATSU and JON MANASSE

WHAT: Piano and Clarinet concert

WHEN: Saturday, October 13, 2018

WHERE McAfee Performing Arts & Lecture Center 20300 Herriman Ave, Saratoga, CA 95070

Preconcert lecture (6:45 p.m.). Autographing time follows the concert.

PROGRAM:

- **Brahms**, *Sonata for Clarinet and Piano* in F Minor, Opus 120, No. 1
- **Chopin**, *Andante Spianato and Grande Polonaise brillante*, Opus 22
- **D’Rivera**, *Lecuonerias* from *The Cape Cod Files* (commissioned by the Cape Cod Chamber Music Festival for the Manasse/Nakamatsu Duo, 2009)
- **Goodwin**, *Four Views for Clarinet and Piano* (commissioned by VanDoren by DANSR Inc. for the Manasse/Nakamatsu Duo, 2012)
- **Novacek**, *Full Stride Ahead+* from *Four Rags for Two Jons* (commissioned by the Manasse/Nakamatsu Duo, 2006)

TICKETS/INFO: Single Tickets: \$40-\$60. Senior/Student Discounts Available
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More information: When two of America’s most distinguished artists formed a duo in 2004, it was news. The Manasse/Nakamatsu Duo, comprised of clarinetist Jon Manasse and pianist Jon Nakamatsu, immediately established itself on some of the country’s most prestigious series: New York City’s Mostly Mozart Festival at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, Washington’s Dumbarton Oaks and National Gallery of Art, and the Brookings Chamber Music Society.

Their debut CD in 2008 was equally a hit: *The New York Times* exclaimed, “... their partnership is complete. Harmonia Mundi’s production is impeccable, capturing such disparate instruments in full color and a lifelike perspective.”

To date, the artists have commissioned John Novacek’s *Four Rags for Two Jons* and Paquito D’Rivera’s *The Cape Cod Files*. Subsequently expanded and orchestrated by the composer, *The Cape Cod Concerto* received its world premiere in May 2011 by the Duo and Symphony Silicon Valley. The San Jose Mercury News wrote of the premier, “Paquito D’Rivera’s Cape Cod Concerto for Clarinet, Piano and Orchestra is sassy and brash,” and widely praised the performance and program.

Both Jon Nakamatsu and Jon Manasse have highly exceptional reputations. Jon Manasse served as the principal clarinetist of The Metropolitan Opera Orchestra and is a renowned musician. The Bay Area’s love for “our own” Jon Nakamatsu is legend: he grew up in San Jose and graduated from Stanford University, and his wife teaches at Saratoga High School. Since 1997, when he was awarded the Gold Medal at the Tenth Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, Silicon Valley audiences have been among his most ardent fans. We are always thrilled to bring him to our stage, and are delighted that we can present the community with his newest and very exhilarating programming.

About Us: **Steinway Society - The Bay Area** is a non-profit organization based in Silicon Valley. Now entering its 24th season, 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, as well as an active school

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