

Russian Pianist Sofya Gulyak in Silicon Valley

with Steinway Society - The Bay Area

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Steinway Society – The Bay Area is proud to present the phenomenal Russian pianist, Sofya Gulyak, the first (and still the only) woman to win the Leeds Piano Competition. In concert 2:00 p.m. May 7, 2017 at San Jose's Trianon Theatre. A meet-and-greet with the artist follows the performance.

WHO: Steinway Society - The Bay Area presents celebrated pianist Sofya Gulyak

WHAT: Classical Piano Recital

WHEN: Sunday May 7, 2:00 p.m. Post-concert meet-and-greet with the artist.

WHERE: Trianon Theatre, 72 North 5th Street, San Jose, CA 95112

SPECIAL APPEARANCE: May 6 - Ms. Gulyak will give a rare in-home, salon-style fundraising recital. For information contact marketing@steinwaysociety.com

SUNDAY PROGRAM:

- Clementi, Sonata in C Major, Op. 33 No. 3
- Tchaikovsky, (tr. Pletnev). Nutcracker Suite
- Shostakovich, Prelude and Fugue in D-flat Major, Op. 87 No. 15
- Medtner, Four Fairy-Tales Op. 26
- Prokofiev, Piano Sonata No. 6 in A Major, Op. 82

TICKETS/INFO: Single Tickets: \$40-\$60. Senior/Student Discounts Available www.steinwaysociety.com or (408) 990-0872

More Information:

Critics say her playing brings a “young (Martha) Argerich” to mind, and when Russian concert pianist Sofya Gulyak performed in the Bay Area in 2015, the audience agreed – she was thrilling.

The radiant and talented Gulyak will close the 22nd season of Steinway Society – The Bay Area season in two concerts May 6 and May 7. On May 6 she performs at an in-home fundraising recital and on May 7 a matinee concert at Trianon Theatre.

Since appearing here in 2015, her reputation has continued to shine and grow. A native of Kazan (Russia) she brings depth, emotion and insights into her playing. She has been praised for her "tremendous precision and colouration...exquisite soft playing ...with delicacy" and described as a “Rach star”(Washington Post).

In 2009 she took home the Gold Medal at the Sixteenth Leeds International Piano Competition, the first woman in the history of the competition to achieve this distinction. Since then she has appeared in great halls around the world and, in addition to touring, is currently a professor of piano at the Royal College of Music in London. At William Kapell International Piano Competition, where she took first place and the Audience Award, the chairman of judges said, “she had a way of expressing what she wanted to say in the clearest, most immediate way.”

Her recordings (2013, 2015) have launched to critical and popular praise, The American Record Guide writing, “...Not only does she perform with arresting contrast and lovely, soft floating tone. She keeps you on the edge of your seat, as the music presses ever forward. Sometimes I was reminded of the young Argerich.”

About Us: Steinway Society - The Bay Area is a non-profit organization based in Silicon Valley. Now entering its 22nd 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, and works with students and school leaders to bring musical performances to the schools. www.steinwaysociety.com