

Classical Pianist Kate Liu To Perform in Silicon Valley

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A fan favorite wherever she goes, international pianist Kate Liu will perform at San Jose's Trianon Theatre, Saturday, January 12 at 7:30 p.m. In October, 2015 Ms. Liu won third prize and Best Mazurkas at the 17th International Fryderyk Chopin Piano Competition in Warsaw, Poland. She also took home the audience favorite award (Polish Radio Award) in which radio listeners voted her the best pianist. An informative introduction to the music precedes the concert, and a meet-the-artist opportunity follows. Tickets: www.steinwaysociety.com.

Liu is a real talent. She has music in her head and fingers, she has great control over the whole piano, but above all she makes music using intuition and - let's not be afraid of the word - inspiration. Anna S. Dębowska (Polish newspaper) Wyborcza.pl

WHO: Steinway Society – The Bay Area presents Kate Liu
WHAT: Classical Piano Recital
WHEN: Saturday, January 12, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.
WHERE Trianon Theatre, San Jose

Program:

Beethoven, Sonata No. 31 in A-flat Major, Op. 110
Scriabin, Sonata No. 3 in F-sharp Minor, Op. 23
Brahms, Sonata No. 3 in F Minor, Op. 5

TICKETS/INFO: Single Tickets: \$40-\$60. Senior/Student Discounts Available. www.steinwaysociety.com or [\(408\) 990-0872](tel:4089900872)

More information:

On January 12, 2019 Steinway Society – The Bay Area is presenting Kate Liu, a fan favorite classical pianist, at San Jose's Trianon Theatre.

Kate Liu is a Singaporean American classical pianist. On October 20, 2015, at the [17th International Fryderyk Chopin Piano Competition](#) in Warsaw, Poland, she was awarded the Bronze Medal in very close voting for the top

prize. She also won Best Mazurkas and received the [Polish Radio](#) audience award for best pianist in the Competition.

Her love of music and deep involvement with the repertoire she performs is well recognized, both in her statement that she plays with all her heart, and by audiences worldwide. During the Chopin competition, she received wide support from the Polish radio public, with the highest number of votes as having given the best performance. At the Competition, which included a roster of technically excellent artists, she was the only competitor to receive a standing ovation at the conclusion of her concerto performance. Polish weekly magazine *Polityka* wrote that other Chopin competitors were "eclipsed by Kate Liu."

Kate began playing piano at the age of four. At the age of six, she was admitted to the gifted music program of the Yamaha Music School in Singapore. When she was eight, she and her family moved to the Chicago area. There she studied piano with Alan Chow, Micah Yui and Emilio del Rosario in the Academy program for talented young pianists at the [Music Institute of Chicago](#). She has been named a 2018-19 Gilmore Rising Star and is currently pursuing her studies at the [Curtis Institute of Music](#) under the guidance of Robert McDonald.

Her international competition medals include:

- 2010: New York International Piano Competition in New York City, USA – 1st prize
- 2010: Thomas & Evon Cooper International Competition in Oberlin, USA – 3rd prize
- 2012: Eastman Young Artist International Piano Competition in Rochester, USA – 3rd prize
- 2015: The 3rd Asia-Pacific International Chopin Competition in Daegu, South Korea – 1st prize
- 2015: 17th International Fryderyk Chopin Piano Competition in Warsaw, Poland (2015) – 3rd prize and the special prize by the Polish Radio audience for best pianist.

Following an audition held by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Kate was chosen to perform with the internationally renowned pianist Lang Lang. In November, 2008 she played Schubert's Fantasy in F minor for piano four hands with Lang Lang in two concerts at Chicago's Symphony Center. That year, she also gave a live recital on WFMT radio's Introductions Program. In 2011, she was featured on PBS's "From the Top at Carnegies Hall."

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