

Steinway Society - The Bay Area presents Multi-Award-Winning Piano Star Benjamin Grosvenor

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Multi-award-winning British pianist Benjamin Grosvenor will appear in recital March 12, 2019 at McAfee Center in Saratoga. This young British pianist has already appeared at the BBC Proms multiple times, on every major international concert stage including Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center, and with the world's leading orchestras. He records exclusively for Decca, the youngest British musician ever to sign to the label, and the first British pianist to sign to the label in almost 60 years.

Grosvenor first came to prominence as the outstanding winner of the Keyboard Final of the 2004 BBC Young Musician Competition at

the age of 11. A pianist of widespread international acclaim, he continues to collect honors and awards, including being the inaugural recipient of The Ronnie and Lawrence Ackman Classical Piano Prize with the New York Philharmonic in 2016.

Grosvenor “commands the stage with aristocratic ease ... makes you sigh with joy ... A temperament rare in yesteryear, let alone now.” *The New York Times*

WHO: Steinway Society - The Bay Area presents Benjamin Grosvenor

WHAT: Classical Piano Recital

WHEN: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: McAfee Performing Arts & Lecture Center, Saratoga

PROGRAM

- Schumann, *Blumenstück, Op.19*

- Schumann, *Kresleriana*, Op. 16
- Janáček, 1. X. 1905 (Sonata “From the Street”)
- Prokofiev, *Selections from Visions fugitives*, Op. 22
- Bellini-Liszt, *Réminiscences de Norma: Grande Fantaisie*, S. 394

TICKETS/INFO:

Single Tickets: \$40–\$60.

Senior/Student Discounts Available

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More Information:

British pianist Benjamin Grosvenor is internationally recognized for his electrifying performances, distinctive sound,

and insightful interpretations. His virtuosic command over the most arduous technical complexities underpins the remarkable depth and understanding of his music making. Described as “one in a million...several million” by *The Independent*, he has also been lauded as “a keyboard visionary” by the *Süddeutsche Zeitung*. Benjamin first came to prominence as the outstanding winner of the Keyboard Final of the 2004 BBC Young Musician Competition at the age of 11, and he was invited to perform with the BBC Symphony Orchestra at the First Night of the 2011 BBC Proms aged just 19. A pianist of widespread international acclaim, he was announced as the inaugural recipient of The Ronnie and Lawrence Ackman Classical Piano Prize with the New York Philharmonic in 2016.

In 2011 Benjamin signed to Decca Classics, becoming the youngest British musician

ever, and the first British pianist in almost 60 years, to sign to the label. Benjamin's fourth CD on the label, *Homages* (2016), explores a number of works in which great composers pay tribute to their predecessors, including Busoni's transcription of Bach's great solo violin *Chaconne*, Franck's *Choral, Prelude and Fugue*, and Liszt's tribute to Italian folk song, *Venezia e Napoli*. Named Instrumental Recording of the Month in BBC Music Magazine, the disc was also awarded a Diapason d'Or, with Diapason's critic declaring that "his pianistic ingenuity, his lyrical voice and aristocratic distinction remind one of the young Josef Hofmann or Ignaz Friedman. The whole recital is charged with Romantic élan."

During his sensational career to date, Benjamin has received Gramophone's Young Artist of the Year and Instrumental Awards, a Classic Brits Critics' Award, UK

Critics' Circle Award for Exceptional Young Talent, and a Diapason d'Or Jeune Talent Award. He has been featured in two BBC television documentaries, BBC Breakfast and The Andrew Marr Show, as well as in CNN's Human to Hero series.

The youngest of five brothers, Benjamin began playing the piano at age six. He studied at the Royal Academy of Music with Christopher Elton and Daniel-Ben Pienaar, where he graduated in 2012 with the "Queen's Commendation for Excellence" and in 2016 was awarded a Fellowship. Benjamin has been supported since 2013 by EFG International, the widely respected global private banking group.

About Us: **Steinway Society – The Bay Area** is a nonprofit organization based in Silicon Valley. Now in 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 program of classical music. For more information about season subscriptions, the artists, and Steinway Society, go to www.SteinwaySociety.com