

JON NAKAMATSU LAUNCHES STEINWAY SOCIETY 25th SEASON WITH THE FRIEDA ANN MURPHY MEMORIAL CONCERT

SEPTEMBER 21, 2019 AT McAFEE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

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Noted Bay Area native and Cliburn Gold Medal winner Jon Nakamatsu headlines the opening concert for Steinway Society - The Bay Area's 25th Anniversary Season. The concert, to be held September 21 at 7:30 pm. at McAfee Performing Arts Center in Saratoga, is also the inaugural performance of the annual Frieda Ann Murphy Memorial Concert Sponsored by MTAC, Santa Clara County Branch.

Frieda Ann Murphy was a native Californian who was an accomplished concert organist, as well as a member of PEO, the American Guild of Organists, and of the Music Teachers Association of California (MTAC). The MTAC Santa Clara Branch has established this annual concert in her memory.

"We are so thrilled to have the Bay Area's own Jon Nakamatsu as the featured performer for this new concert series," said Kathy You Wilson, president of Steinway Society – The Bay Area. "Ever since Jon was awarded the Gold Medal at the Tenth Van Cliburn International Piano Competition in 1997, classical music lovers in Silicon Valley have been among his most ardent fans. It's only fitting that the inaugural concert honoring our beloved colleague Frieda Ann Murphy will feature 'our own' internationally acclaimed artist."

A San Jose native, Jon Nakamatsu graduated from Stanford University. He has performed widely in North and South America, Europe, and the Far East, including appearances at New York's Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center, Washington D.C.'s Kennedy Center, and in Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Paris, London, and Milan. Last season, Nakamatsu performed for the Steinway Society with clarinetist Jon Manasse.

New Venues

This season, the Steinway Society concert season's nine performances will be held at several locations in the San Jose area. In addition to the September 21st concert at the McAfee Performing Arts Center in Saratoga, concerts will be held in San Jose at the Susan & Phil Hammer Theatre and at Independence High School, and at West Valley College in Saratoga. Season subscriptions are now available; single concert tickets will be available starting July 8th. Discounts are available for seniors and students.

WHO: Steinway Society - The Bay Area presents JON NAKAMATSU

WHAT: Piano concert

WHEN: Saturday, September 21, 2019 7:30pm. Pre-concert lecture (6:45 p.m.). Meet-the-artist time follows the concerts.

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

TICKETS/INFO: Single Tickets: \$40-\$60. Senior/Student Discounts Available. Student Rush \$10, thirty minutes prior to performance. www.steinwaysociety.com or 408.990.0872

“Nakamatsu evinced brilliant musicianship. His tone and articulation sparkled and shimmered, while his use of dynamics and energy brought out the lifeblood of each and every phrase.” – Daniel J. Kusher, *The Rochester Democrat and Chronicle*

PROGRAM:

Chopin, *Impromptu in A-flat Major, Op. 29*

Chopin, *Impromptu in G-flat Major, Op. 51*

Schubert, *Four Impromptus, Op. 90*

1. C Minor (Allegro molto moderato)
2. E-flat Major (Allegro)
3. G-flat Major (Andante)
4. A-flat Major (Allegretto)

Brahms, *Sonata No. 1 in C Major, Op. 1*

- I. Allegro
- II. Andante
- III. Scherzo: Allegro molto e con fuoco

Finale: Allegro con fuoco

PHOTOS: See attached

ABOUT US

Steinway Society - The Bay Area is a non-profit organization based in Silicon Valley. Now entering its 25th 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. For more information on Season Subscriptions, the artists, and Steinway Society, go to www.SteinwaySociety.com