

ALBERT CANO SMIT TO PERFORM IN SARATOGA DECEMBER 8, 2019

STEINWAY SOCIETY'S 25TH SEASON CONTINUES AT WEST VALLEY COLLEGE

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SAN JOSE, CA – Swiss-born pianist Albert Cano Smit, First Prize winner of the 2017 Naumburg Competition, will be the featured artist in the December concert of Steinway Society – The Bay Area's 25th Anniversary Season. The concert will be held Sunday, December 8, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. at West Valley College in Saratoga. A pre-concert talk starts at 1:45 p.m. The artist will be available to meet the audience following the concert.

Albert Cano Smit won his first international competition at age 14. Since then, his first prize winnings include the International Piano Competition Eugenia Verdet, The Beethoven Piano Society of Europe Junior Intercollegiate Competition, and the Royal Northern College of Music's Chopin Prize. Smit was a finalist in the Concours International de Montreal and recently made his Carnegie Hall debut. His Fondation Louis Vuitton recital at the Frank Gehry designed "glass cloud" in Paris earlier this year was broadcast live globally.

Smit's performance is the first of three concerts for the Steinway Society – The Bay Area that will be held at West Valley College in Saratoga this season.

WHO: Steinway Society – The Bay Area presents ALBERT CANO SMIT

WHAT: Piano concert

WHEN: Sunday, December 8, 2019 2:30 p.m. Pre-concert lecture (1:45 p.m.). Meet-the-artist time follows the concerts.

WHERE: West Valley College, 14000 Fruitvale Avenue, Saratoga, CA

TICKETS/INFO: Single Tickets: \$40-\$60. Senior/Student Discounts Available. Student Rush \$10, thirty minutes prior to performance. www.steinwaysociety.com or 408-300-5635

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--CBC Music

PROGRAM:

J. S. Bach, *Capriccio on the Departure of His Beloved Brother*, BWV 992

Schumann, *Kreisleriana*, Op. 16

1. Äußerst bewegt ("Extremely animated"), D minor

2. Sehr innig und nicht zu rasch (“Very heartfelt and not too fast”), B-flat major
3. Sehr aufgeregt (“Very agitated”), G minor
4. Sehr langsam (“Very slow”), B-flat major/G minor
5. Sehr lebhaft (“Very lively”), G minor
6. Sehr langsam (“Very slow”), B-flat major
7. Sehr rasch (“Very fast”), C minor/E-flat major
8. Schnell und spielend (“Fast and playful”), G minor

INTERMISSION

Messiaen, *Selections from Vingt regards sur l’enfant-Jésus*

1. No. XV, Le baiser de l’enfant Jésus (“The Kiss of Baby Jesus”)
2. No. XII, La parole toute-puissante (“The Omnipotent Word”)

Chopin, *Nocturne in C-Sharp Minor, Op. 27, No. 1*

Prokofiev, *Piano Sonata No. 7 in B-flat Major, Op. 83*

- I. Allegro inquieto—Andantino
- II. Andante caloroso
- III. Precipitato

PHOTO:

Naumburg Competition winner Albert Cano Smit will perform on Sunday afternoon, December 8, at West Valley College in Saratoga, as part of the Steinway Society – The Bay Area’s 25th Anniversary Season.

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ABOUT US

Steinway Society - The Bay Area is a nonprofit 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

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