

PIANIST ALBERT CANO SMIT WINS YOUNG CONCERT ARTISTS PRIZE

SCHEDULED TO PERFORM DECEMBER 8, 2019 AT WEST VALLEY COLLEGE

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SAN JOSE, CA – NOVEMBER 18, 2019 – Swiss-born pianist Albert Cano Smit was named the winner in the Young Concert Artists (YCA) International Auditions yesterday in New York City. He will be the featured artist in the December concert of Steinway Society – The Bay Area’s 25th Anniversary Season to be held Sunday, December 8, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. at the West Valley College Theater in Saratoga.

About the Young Concert Artists

Each YCA artist is presented in debut recitals in the Young Concert Artists Series in New York and in Washington, DC at the Kennedy Center, and is awarded a minimum three-year comprehensive management contract. Each year, YCA artists give hundreds of lecture-demonstrations, mini-concerts and master classes at schools, colleges and community centers throughout the country in connection with their concert appearances. Among the pianists who have previously won this award are Emanuel Ax, Jeremy Denk, Richard Goode, and Jean-Yves Thibaudet.

“Albert Cano Smit is a profoundly musical, refined, subtle, and virtuosic performer--entirely concentrated on the music,” said Steinway Society President Kathy You Wilson. “We are so excited to be able to bring this incredible young talent to Silicon Valley in December.”

About Albert Cano Smit

The winner of the 2017 Naumburg Competition, 22 year old Smit won his first international competition at age 14. Since then, his first prize winnings have included 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. A pre-concert talk starts at 1:45 p.m. The artist will be available to meet the audience following the concert.

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 concert.

WHERE: West Valley College Theater, 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 aufgeregert (“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, and the 2019 Young Concert Artists winner, will perform on Sunday afternoon, December 8, at West Valley College Theater 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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