

Top Pianists Perform in December and January

Vyacheslav Gryaznov and Andrew Li Next Up for Steinway Society's Home Concert Hall Series

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SAN JOSE, CA— Vyacheslav Gryaznov, known for his creative, enthralling piano transcriptions, and Andrew Li, a celebrated young artist, will be the featured performers in December and January for Steinway Society — The Bay Area's new Home Concert Hall virtual series.

Each concert will be available during a four-day performance window. During that period, patrons will be able to view the recording as many times as they'd like. The artists will each give a short talk before their performances about their chosen pieces, while sharing information about their musical lives and how they are faring during the pandemic. A recorded pre-concert lecture by Bay Area classical music expert Dr. Gary Lemco will also be available for viewers to download.

Gryaznov: Back for An Encore Performance

Vyacheslav (called Slava by his friends) thrilled the audience in his West Coast debut with the Steinway Society in 2016, receiving three encores. He has performed to great acclaim throughout the U.S., Russia, Japan, and Europe, including Carnegie Hall and the Berlin Philharmonie. Slava studied at the Moscow Tchaikovsky Conservatory for his undergraduate and postgraduate degrees and earned the Yale School of Music's Artist Diploma in 2018. In 2014, he signed with Schott Music, GmbH & Co., where his transcriptions rank among the publisher's top ten best-selling piano editions.

Slava's performance, featuring his transcriptions of works by Bach, Beethoven, Mahler and Debussy, will be available from December 18-21, 2020.

"... Vyacheslav Gryaznov... is a brilliant pianist and composer. The virtuosity and inventiveness of his transcriptions fascinate and enthrall." --Musical Life magazine

Li: A Gift for Music Since Childhood

Andrew Li won first prize in the Bay State Piano Competition for five consecutive years from the ages of 7-12, and first prize for two consecutive years at the Steinway Competition in Boston. In October 2014, Andrew joined his older brother, George, in a performance at the recital series of Hamilton College. Andrew has won prizes in multiple piano competitions, including first prize at the Boston Symphony Orchestra youth concerto competition, second prize at the Hilton Head International Piano Competition, and third

prize at the Minnesota Piano-e-Competition. In April 2018, he won first prize at the Harvard Music Association Achievement Awards.

Andrew's performance, featuring music of Beethoven, Chopin, and Brahms, will be available from January 22-25, 2021.

"Andrew's technique is brilliant and assured. He's a serious musician but not a showy or an unnecessarily flashy one. Li trusts his ideas about the music and places them front-and-center."

—**Telegram & Gazette**

VYACHESLAV GRYAZNOV

WHO: Steinway Society - The Bay Area presents

WHAT: VYACHESLAV GRYAZNOV performs in the Steinway Society – The Bay Area HOME CONCERT HALL

WHEN: December 18-20, 2020

WHERE: Online, steinwaysociety.com

TICKETS/INFO: Single Tickets: \$20 per household

. www.steinwaysociety.com or 408-300-5635

PROGRAM:

Transcriptions by Vyacheslav Gryaznov

- Monteverdi, *Sì dolce è'l tormento*, SV 332
- Falconieri, *Chaconne in G Major*
- Rameau, *Les Boréades: Entrée from Act IV*
- J.S. Bach, *Organ fantasia in G Major, BWV 572*
- Beethoven-Liszt, *Beethoven Symphonies, S. 464. Symphony No. 1 in C, Op. 21*
- Mahler, *Symphony No 5 in C-Sharp Minor – IV. Adagietto, for the left hand*
- Debussy, *Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune (Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun), L. 86*
- Ravel, *La Valse*

PHOTO:

Pianist Vyacheslav Gryaznov ("Slava"), an audience favorite, returns to the Steinway Society – The Bay Area with a Home Concert Hall performance of his own transcriptions of music by Monteverdi, Falconieri, Rameau, Bach, Beethoven-Liszt, Mahler, Debussy, and Ravel.

Performance available from December 18-21, 2020.

Photo by Evgeny Evtyukhov

ANDREW LI

WHO: Steinway Society - The Bay Area presents

WHAT: ANDREW LI performs in the Steinway Society – The Bay Area HOME CONCERT HALL

WHEN: January 22-25, 2021

WHERE: Online, steinwaysociety.com

TICKETS/INFO: Single Tickets: \$20 per household

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PROGRAM:

Beethoven, *Six Variations for Piano in F Major, Op. 34*

Brahms, *Variations on a Theme of Paganini, Op. 35 (Books I and II)*

Chopin, *Polonaise-Fantaisie in A-Flat Major, Op. 61*

Stravinsky, *Trois Mouvements de Pétrouchka*

- Danse russe (Russian Dance)
- Chez Pétrouchka (Petrushka's Room)
- La semaine grasse (The Shrovetide Fair)

PHOTO:

Pianist Andrew Li makes his Steinway Society – The Bay Area debut with a Home Concert Hall performance of music by Grazioli, Schubert, Liszt, Rachmaninoff, and Prokofiev. Performance available from January 22-25, 2021.

Photo by Katie Li

ABOUT US

Steinway Society - The Bay Area is a nonprofit organization based in Silicon Valley. Now in its 26th 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 music program. For more information on season subscriptions, individual tickets, the artists, and Steinway Society, go to www.SteinwaySociety.com or contact (408) 300-5635.

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