

# Steinway Society Presents Pianist Claire Huangci

*American artist to launch Home Concert Hall Series in September*

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SAN JOSE, CA – American pianist Claire Huangci will open the Steinway Society – The Bay Area’s Home Concert Hall series in September with a recorded performance available from September 17-20, 2021.

Huangci’s appearance will be the start of the 27<sup>th</sup> consecutive season for the San Jose-based Steinway Society, devoted to promoting excellence in piano performance and music education. Finnish performer Juho Pohjonen will follow with a Home Concert Hall performance in October. Russian artists Anna Tsybuleva and Nikolay Khozyainov will be featured in November and December, respectively.

## **Innovative Video Performances Viewed at Your Leisure**

The Home Concert Hall series consists of recordings produced specifically for Steinway Society – The Bay Area and are not available elsewhere else on the Internet.

Each month’s concert is released on a given date. Viewers can view the recording as many times as they like during the four-day performance window. Each artist has been invited to give a short talk before the performance about their choice of pieces, their musical lives, and how the pandemic has impacted them. A recorded pre-concert lecture by Bay Area classical music expert Dr. Gary Lemco will be available for complimentary download as well.

“We place the utmost importance on the comfort and safety of our patrons,” said Kathy You Wilson, Steinway Society President. “Accordingly, we’ve decided to present the season’s first four concerts as a continuation of our Home Concert Hall series—making these performances available directly in your home over the Internet.”

“We hope to return to live performances in early 2022—presuming it is safe and feasible to do so,” she added.

## **About the Artist**

Claire Huangci began her international career at the age of nine, quickly standing out as an expressive interpreter of Chopin—winning first prizes at the Chopin competitions in Darmstadt and Miami in 2009 and 2010. In 2011, she was the youngest participant to receive second prize at the ARD International Music Competition in Munich. Since then,

Claire has given solo recitals and performed with international orchestras in prestigious halls in Europe, Asia, and North America.

Claire's wide range of repertoire spans from Bach and Scarlatti to Bernstein, Gulda, and Corigliano. Her acclaimed CDs include solo performances of Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev, Scarlatti, Chopin, and Rachmaninoff, as well as several performances with orchestras. Her 2020 chamber music debut album with the Trio Machiavelli garnered outstanding reviews for the group's interpretations of the Ravel trio and Chausson piano quartet. Her Steinway Society program will be dedicated entirely to works of Beethoven.

### **Sponsored by MTAC Santa Clara County Branch**

This season's concerts are sponsored by the Music Teachers' Association of California (MTAC) Santa Clara County Branch in memory of Frieda Ann Murphy. Frieda Ann Murphy was a native Californian who was an accomplished concert organist, as well as a member of the American Guild of Organists, and the Music Teachers' Association of California (MTAC). In 2019, the MTAC Santa Clara Branch established annual keyboard performances in her memory.

### **Prices Set Low to Allow Greater Participation**

Now in its second season, the Home Concert Hall offers highly affordable ticket prices. Virtual tickets are priced at \$25 per concert for one viewer, and \$35 for two or more attendees. The entire four-concert series is available at the special promotional price of \$90 for one viewer, and \$125 for two or more attendees.

### **Performance Details**

**Who:** Steinway Society - The Bay Area presents Claire Huangci

**What:** The Fall 2021 Home Concert Hall

**When:** September 17-20, 2021

**Where:** Online at [www.steinwaysociety.com](http://www.steinwaysociety.com)

### **Tickets:**

Single tickets: \$25 for one viewer; \$35 for two or more attendees

Four-Concert Subscription: \$90 for one viewer; \$125 for two or more attendees

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**PROGRAM:**

Beethoven, *Sonata No. 14 in C-sharp Minor "Quasi una fantasia," Op. 27, No. 2 ("Moonlight")*

- Adagio sostenuto
- Allegretto—Trio
- Presto agitato

Beethoven-Liszt, *Symphony No. 6 in F Major, Op. 68, "Pastorale"*

- Erwachen heiterer Empfindungen bei der Ankunft auf dem Lande (Awakening of Cheerful Feelings on Arrival in the Countryside). Allegro ma non troppo
- Szene am Bach (Scene by the Brook). Andante molto moto
- Lustiges Zusammensein der Landleute (Merry Gathering of Countryfolk). Allegro
- Donner, Sturm (Thunder, Storm). Allegro
- Hirtengesang. Frohe, dankbare Gefühle nach dem Sturm (Shepherd's Song. Cheerful, Thankful Feelings after the Storm). Allegretto

Beethoven-Ries, *Symphony No. 3 in E-flat Major, Op. 55, "Eroica"*

- Finale. Allegro molto

**Tickets Available Now**

Tickets for the performances may be purchased in advance by going to [steinwaysociety.com/tickets/](http://steinwaysociety.com/tickets/) or by contacting the Steinway Society box office at 408-300-5635.

**PHOTO:**

*Pianist Claire Huangci launches the Steinway Society – The Bay Area's 27<sup>th</sup> Season with an all-Beethoven Home Concert Hall performance, available from September 17 through 20, 2021.*

Photo courtesy of the artist.

**ABOUT US**

**Steinway Society - The Bay Area** is a nonprofit organization based in Silicon Valley. Now in its 27th 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](http://www.SteinwaySociety.com) or contact (408) 300-5635.

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