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THE BAY AREA



PIANO CONCERTS 2020-2021

The 26th Season of Outstanding Performances

Welcome to our 26th season. Since 1994, Steinway Society - The Bay Area has been bringing great piano music, passionately performed, to the South Bay.

In the past quarter century, our concert artists have included both well-known virtuosos and exciting new performers on the rise. These artists have triumphed at such prestigious international competitions as the Van Cliburn and the Naumburg (US), the Leeds (England), the Tchaikovsky (Moscow), and the Chopin (Warsaw). They've studied with famous teachers and mentors, graced the world's most prominent stages, performed with renowned symphony orchestras, thrilled critics, and enchanted audiences.

This season our performers hail from Hong Kong, Japan, the Netherlands, Russia, Italy, and Ukraine, as well as the United States. They've studied at renowned institutions, from the Moscow Conservatory, the Royal College of Music, and the Amsterdam Conservatory, to the Salzburg Mozarteum and the New England Conservatory. They've won top prizes at many of the world's most prestigious competitions, and they have appeared at storied performance venues across North and South America, Europe, and Asia.

This season's programs span the classical piano repertoire from Rameau, Scarlatti, and Bach ... to Haydn, Beethoven, Chopin, Schubert, and Schumann ... to Brahms, Ravel, Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninoff, and others. A special highlight will be the North American premiere of works by Dutch composer Robert Zuidam that were commissioned by the Steinway Society.

Our patrons also enjoy pre-concert lectures, post-concert meet-the-artist events, extensive program notes and videos on our website, and in-home salons.

Seating is limited. Subscribe now to reserve the best seats. Join us in experiencing exhilarating classical piano performances in the South Bay.

BUY A SEASON SUBSCRIPTION

It brings joy to you—and to the artists—and it's the best way to support the Steinway Society's ability to continue offering these concerts.

BECOME A DONOR

Your tax-deductible gifts make everything happen—from concerts to in-school events. Ticket sales cover less than two-thirds of our costs. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

BECOME A BOARD MEMBER

Volunteer board members guide the Steinway Society. Join a diverse, friendly group that is passionate about keeping classical music alive in our community.

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SEPT



Rachel Cheung

17
OCT



Federico Colli

07
NOV



Mao Fujita

05
DEC



Vyacheslav Gryaznov

16
JAN



Andrew Li

21
FEB



Pavel Kolesnikov

20
MAR



Anna Fedorova

17
APR



Hannes Minnaar

08
MAY



Alexander Kobrin

A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE

Much of the joy of Steinway Society concerts comes from their intimate settings, where limited seating and fine acoustics allow rich enjoyment of the music.

We are proud to bring internationally acclaimed pianists to Silicon Valley. Our concert experiences include:

MEET THE ARTIST

Most concerts feature a post-performance opportunity to meet the artist, who will sign programs and CDs, and pose for pictures with patrons.

PRE-CONCERT LECTURE

Before each concert, a music scholar or reviewer presents a half-hour talk exploring key listening points in the works to be performed and their place in the composers' lives. Audience questions are encouraged.

TOTAL CONCERT EXPERIENCE

All patrons are invited to share our pre-concert lectures, complimentary intermission refreshments, and post-concert time with the artist. Ample free parking is available at our venues.

IN-HOME SALONS

In addition to public concerts, we host in-home fundraising salons with select visiting artists. The salons are open first to existing donors, and as space allows, to all patrons. Vyacheslav Gryaznov and Anna Fedorova are the featured artists planned for this season.



Dear Patrons,

Welcome to our 26th season. Last season's closing months brought severe challenges both to Steinway Society and other arts organizations, and

to all supporters of the arts. We appreciate the understanding you have shown us. We hope you will join Steinway Society now as we move into new approaches to delivering outstanding artists performing cherished, great music. Steinway Society board members have arranged live streaming of this season's early performers to bring them directly into your living room. Although the season's concerts will include some delivered via this unique new method, all are sure to be delightful musical experiences, showcasing the same brilliant and virtuosic musicianship that our Artistic Committee, Nancy Daggett Jensen and Donald Wright, have brought us in past years.

Last season, we were on schedule to deliver school performances for almost 4,000 students, but COVID-19 cut our efforts short. As soon as it is safe, we plan to resume our outreach events in San Jose Title 1 schools to again share the timeless joys, exhilaration, and relevance of classical music to today's fast-paced world.

Thank you for your tax-deductible gifts and your continued involvement. We depend on you more than ever now. I sincerely hope that in your charitable and arts giving, you will remember us. We rely on and greatly appreciate your support, just as we know that you cherish these life-enriching performances by world-class classical pianists.

Sincerely,

Kathy You Wilson

For the Board of Steinway Society



Rachel Cheung

FRIEDA ANN MURPHY MEMORIAL CONCERT
Sponsored by MTAC, Santa Clara Branch

Rachel Cheung won over audiences and critics alike at the 2017 Cliburn International Piano Competition with "stunningly imaginative" (Musical America) interpretations marked by "flights of both beauty and virtuosity" (Theater Jones). She has built a glowing reputation across three continents for her sparkling stage presence and elegant performances. Born and raised in Hong Kong, Rachel has also won prizes at the Leeds, Chopin, Horowitz, Gina Bachauer, and Geneva International Piano Competitions.

HAMELIN RAMEAU RAVEL SCHUBERT

Federico Colli

Known for highly imaginative and philosophical interpretations, Colli achieved international prominence after winning both the 2011 Salzburg Mozart Competition and the Gold Medal at the 2012 Leeds International Piano Competition. He has concertized throughout Europe, Russia, Japan, and the Americas, and has shared the stage with such notables as Lang Lang and Martha Argerich. He was recently featured on the cover of the popular music magazine, *International Piano*.

SCARLATTI HAYDN MOZART BEETHOVEN J.S. BACH/BUSONI

"She crafts each piece she plays as a sculptor or a painter creates a work of art. Cheung is the complete package: skill, technique, artistry."

-Culture Spot LA

"His beautifully light touch and lyrical grace make the music shine."

-The Daily Telegraph

SEASON SUBSCRIPTIONS

One of the best ways to support Steinway Society - The Bay Area is with a season subscription. We offer the choice of a full 9 concerts, or 8-concert or 4-concert subscription packages, all with special pricing for seniors and students. Whichever subscription you choose, you'll be supporting the ongoing enjoyment of classical masterworks in our community, played by celebrated international artists, for some of whom our stage provides their Bay Area, West Coast, or even US debut.

Tickets for individual performances will also be available.



Mao Fujita

Tokyo-born Mao Fujita won his first major international competition at the age of 12. Since then, he has won numerous others, and rose to international prominence at age 18 by winning the Clara Haskil Competition in Switzerland. In 2019, Fujita won second prize at the 16th International Tchaikovsky Competition, and performed both Tchaikovsky piano concertos in London. His concert appearances have spanned Germany, Latvia, Moscow, and Switzerland, as well as the United States. He is currently studying piano performance at the Tokyo College of Music.

ALKAN BEETHOVEN CHOPIN RAVEL TCHAIKOVSKY

"...a musician of tremendous versatility and taste, with a poetic sense of pulse and eloquent, insightful, fearless articulation."

-The Times of London

Vyacheslav Gryaznov

ENCORE PERFORMER



Vyacheslav Gryaznov is an eminent classical pianist and recording artist, and a transcriber, composer, and former assistant professor at the Moscow Conservatory. He thrilled Steinway Society audiences in 2016 and 2019. Recent engagements include recitals at Berliner Philharmonie, Carnegie Hall, and with orchestras in Atlanta, Moscow, Dublin, and Ukraine. A frequent guest at international festivals, he has won competitions in Italy, Ukraine, Denmark, Georgia, Japan, and Russia. He studied at the Moscow State Conservatory and at Yale University.

J.S. BACH BEETHOVEN DEBUSSY RAVEL

"There can be no doubt that Vyacheslav Gryaznov is one of the great wonders of modern pianism."

-Musical Life magazine

Mao Fujita, © Eiichi Ikeda
Vyacheslav Gryaznov, © Lisa-Marie Mazzucco

Andrew Li

Praised for his brilliant technique as well as heartfelt and appealing lyricism, 19-year old Andrew Li began his solo career at age 10. Since then, his prize winnings include the Cooper, Hilton Head, and Minnesota competitions, as well as the Boston Symphony Orchestra Youth Concerto Competition and the Harvard Music Association Achievement Award. He has performed with numerous orchestras, including the Boston Symphony. He is currently enrolled in the Harvard/New England Conservatory joint program.

BRAHMS CHOPIN SCHUBERT STRAVINSKY

"Andrew's technique is brilliant and assured. . . . Li trusts his ideas about the music and places them front-and-center."

-Worcester Telegram & Gazette

Pavel Kolesnikov

Russian pianist Pavel Kolesnikov began his musical career as a violinist. It wasn't until he was 16 that he made piano his preferred instrument. Since winning the Honens Prize in 2012, Pavel has performed around the world, including at Carnegie Hall, Berlin's Konzerthaus, the Louvre, Vancouver Recital Society, and the BBC Proms. His all-Tchaikovsky debut studio recording has received critical acclaim. In 2016, his album of Chopin Mazurkas won the Diapason d'Or Award (best piano recording of the year).

J.S. BACH BEETHOVEN SCHUMANN

Andrew Li, © Benjamin Cheung
Pavel Kolesnikov, © Eva Vermande

"Tremendous clarity, unfailing musicality and considerable beauty."

-BBC Music Magazine



Anna Fedorova

ENCORE PERFORMER



One of the world's leading young pianists, Anna Fedorova has captivated audiences with her musical artistry. She's taken top prizes at the Rubinstein and Moscow International Frederick Chopin Competitions, and been mentored by world-renowned musicians Alfred Brendel and Andrés Schiff. Anna has performed with esteemed orchestras in prestigious concert halls and music festivals of Europe, North and South America, and Asia. Her Rachmaninoff 2nd Piano Concerto recording is the most watched classical concerto on YouTube.

"...a truly great piano talent, the Ukrainian Anna Fedorova, who stunned the audience with instances of sweet expression alternating with passionate cascades of sound..."

-Ethnos

BRAHMS CHOPIN DE FALLA SCHUBERT

Hannes Minnaar

Dutch pianist Hannes Minnaar received international acclaim after winning prizes at the Queen Elisabeth and Geneva International Music Competitions. He has performed as a soloist and chamber musician throughout Europe and Asia. His recordings of Beethoven, Bach, Rachmaninoff, and Fauré received rave reviews. In 2016, he received the Dutch Music Award—the highest honor the Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science can bestow upon a classical musician.

"He plays through a phrase with a sense of continuity and purpose and his musical intelligence sings out."

-The Observer

**RACHMANINOV SCHUBERT-LISZT SCHUMANN
PREMIERE OF NEWLY COMMISSIONED WORK BY ZUIDAM**

Anna Fedorova, © Marco Borggreve
Hannes Minnaar, © Simon van Boxtel

Alexander Kobrin

ENCORE PERFORMER



Called the "Van Cliburn of today" by the BBC, Alexander Kobrin has been praised for brilliant technique, musicality, and his emotional engagement with the audience. Born in Moscow, he began studying piano at age five. He won the Gold medal at the 2005 Cliburn International Piano Competition, and has taken top prizes at the Busoni, Hamamatsu, and Scottish International Piano Competitions. He has performed with renowned orchestras and in major concert halls worldwide. He is on the faculty of the Eastman School of Music and serves as a jury member for international competitions.

"He surrendered neither the smoothness nor the dynamic fluidity that the modern piano allows, and he gave his sense of fantasy free rein, ... creating an almost confessional spirit."

-The New York Times

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Worksheet

9 CONCERTS (FULL SEASON)

SEATING SECTION	ADULT	# TICKETS	\$ TOTAL	SENIOR*/STUDENT**	# TICKETS	\$ TOTAL
GOLD-9	\$450.00			\$375.00		
SILVER-9	\$380.00			\$325.00		
BRONZE-9	\$305.00			\$275.00		

8 CONCERTS (Choose 8 Pianists)

SEATING SECTION	ADULT	# TICKETS	\$ TOTAL	SENIOR*/STUDENT**	# TICKETS	\$ TOTAL
GOLD-8	\$415.00			\$340.00		
SILVER-8	\$345.00			\$300.00		
BRONZE-8	\$275.00			\$250.00		

4 CONCERTS (Choose 4 Pianists)

SEATING SECTION	ADULT	# TICKETS	\$ TOTAL	SENIOR*/STUDENT**	# TICKETS	\$ TOTAL
GOLD-4	\$230.00			\$200.00		
SILVER-4	\$195.00			\$165.00		
BRONZE-4	\$165.00			\$140.00		

GOLD Section = center left & left

SILVER Section = center right, right aisle, left rear

BRONZE Section = right-hand rows

*Senior = 65+

**Student = Full time student with a valid ID

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EMAIL (NEVER SHARED)

SEAT SELECTION

- ASSIGN THE BEST AVAILABLE SEATS
- HAVE THE BOX OFFICE CALL ME TO SELECT SEATS
- WHEELCHAIR SEATING NEEDED

8 CONCERTS AND 4 CONCERTS - SELECT PIANISTS

- Rachel Cheung
- Vyacheslav Gryaznov
- Anna Fedorova
- Federico Colli
- Andrew Li
- Hannes Minnaar
- Mao Fujita
- Pavel Kolesnikov
- Alexander Kobrin

FILL IN YOUR ORDER FROM THE WORKSHEET

YOUR SERIES SELECTION	#TICKETS GENERAL	#TICKETS SR./STUD.	\$ TOTAL
9-CONCERTS <input type="checkbox"/> GOLD <input type="checkbox"/> SILVER <input type="checkbox"/> BRONZE			
8-CONCERTS <input type="checkbox"/> GOLD <input type="checkbox"/> SILVER <input type="checkbox"/> BRONZE			
4-CONCERTS <input type="checkbox"/> GOLD <input type="checkbox"/> SILVER <input type="checkbox"/> BRONZE			
TICKET PURCHASE TOTAL: \$			
*TAX-DEDUCTIBLE GIFT: \$			
POSTAGE AND HANDLING: \$			\$5.00
GRAND TOTAL: \$			

*Ticket sales cover only 60% of concert and community outreach costs. Thank you for considering a tax-deductible gift of \$50 or more.

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–Ludwig Beethoven

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Vyacheslav Gryaznov



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