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2020-2021 **SEASON**

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MESSAGE FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Do you remember the first time you attended a live concert? Do you remember the excitement and the sense of anticipation you felt? As music lovers, we all have memories of hearing a great performance, where a beautifully turned phrase, a dramatic pause, or a simply rousing performance made us hold our breath.

There is, and there will be, nothing like a live performance.

The Vancouver Chopin Society brings the greatest artists we can find, and presents them to you in our series of solo piano recitals. In this upcoming season, there will be names you recognize, but there will also be artists whose names you are hearing for the first time. We will have three artists making their Vancouver debut – **Anna Geniushene**, who was discovered by the music world in the most recent Tchaikovsky Competition, **Vadym Kholodenko**, winner of the 2013 Van Cliburn Competition and who now maintains an active performing career, and **Dmitry Ablogin**, who will be playing his concert on a new fortepiano acquired by Early Music Vancouver. Making a long-awaited return will be **Dmitri Alexeev**, an artist at the height of his musical and pianistic powers.

We have two very special concerts that are not part of the subscription series – a recital by **Avery Gagliano**, the newly-crowned winner of the 2020 National Chopin Competition in Miami, and the yet to be named winner of this year's International Chopin Competition in Warsaw, to take place in October.

All of us are looking forward to hearing the great artists that will be performing on stage of the Vancouver Playhouse this season.

Do join us, and together we will share many magical musical experiences together.

We continue to make our tickets affordable to everyone, in particular seniors and students. BCRMTA members enjoy a substantial discount of 25%. **The price for youth (Grades 1 through 12) will once again be an unbelievable \$15 per ticket.** If you are between **the ages of 18 to 35**, you are eligible to purchase single tickets at the incredibly low price of \$20.

SPECIAL EVENT AVERY GAGLIANO



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

7:30 pm, Koerner Recital Hall

Vancouver Academy of Music

Debut Recital by Winner of the National Chopin Competition (Miami) 2020

The National Chopin Piano Competition of the United States is a highly prestigious competition that is held in Miami every five years. The competition not only offers performance opportunities and financial support to young American pianists, but prize winners from this competition would be eligible to take part in the 18th International Fryderyk Chopin Piano Competition in Warsaw. Past winners include many of today's leading pianists, including Kevin Kenner, Jon Nakamatsu, Andrew Tyson, and Eric Lu, to name just a few.

This year, we will present 18-year-old Avery Gagliano, gold medalist as well as winner of the prize for best concerto performance. A student at the Curtis Institute of Music under Gary Graffman and Jonathan Biss, she made her concerto and her Weill Recital Hall (Carnegie Hall) debut at the age of nine, and has already performed at some of the most prestigious festivals and concert venues, including the Verbier Festival and the Stern Auditorium at Carnegie Hall.

This concert is not part of the regular subscription series.

CONCERT 1 ERIC LU



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2020
3 pm, Vancouver Playhouse

To say that this is an accomplished young musician would certainly be an understatement.

At 17, Lu made headlines by being a prize-winner at the 2015 International Chopin Competition in Warsaw. In 2018, he went on to win the unanimous first prize at the Leeds International Piano Competition. Since then, Lu has been busily fulfilling demands from all over the musical world for his performances, both as a recitalist and concerto soloist.

Of his performance of Schubert's Impromptu in C minor, a critic writes that he played it "with such pianissimo finesse as to be breathtaking." The same writer later refers to Lu as "a veritable poet of the keyboard."

His prize-winning performance of Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 4, released on Warner Classics, is simply astounding, and betrays a depth and maturity far beyond his age.

The Vancouver Chopin Society last presented Eric Lu in 2015 as a very talented young pianist. Come now and experience the mature artistry and musician of this young master of the piano.

SCHUBERT Allegretto in C minor, D915
Piano Sonata, D959

Intermission

CHOPIN 3 Mazurkas, Op. 59
PROKOFIEV Piano Sonata No. 7

Delectable treats from Daniel's Chocolates will be served after the concert

CONCERT 2 DMITRI ALEXEEV



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020
3 pm, Vancouver Playhouse

A sovereign pianist and artist at the peak of his depth and maturity, Dmitri Alexeev studied with Dmitri Bashkirov, who was himself one of the most outstanding students of the legendary Heinrich Neuhaus. You will therefore be hearing a representative of one of Russia's greatest piano schools.

Alexeev also serves on the jury of some of the most prestigious competitions today - the Chopin (Warsaw), the Leeds, the Van Cliburn, and the Tchaikovsky (Moscow), among others.

The artist regularly performs at prestigious musical venues as well as with orchestras such as the Berlin Philharmonic, Chicago Symphony, Philadelphia Orchestra, and the Royal Concertgebouw of Amsterdam, and all five major London orchestras, to name just a few.

A prolific recording artist on many labels, his performances on disc have been described by BBC Music Magazine as, "aristocratic, grand, and confessionally poetic." His recording of the Rachmaninoff Preludes won the sought-after Edison Award in the Netherlands.

Do not miss an opportunity to hear this master musician in recital.

SCHUMANN Novelette, Op. 21 No.1
Kreisleriana, Op.16

Intermission

CHOPIN Rondo, Op. 1
Barcarolle in F sharp major, Op. 60
SCRIABIN 4 Preludes, Op. 22
Valse, Op. 38
2 Poems, Op. 69
Poem, Op. 72 "Vers la Flamme"

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CONCERT 3 ANNA GENIUSHENE



SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2021
3 pm, Vancouver Playhouse

In every major music competition, there always seems to be an artist who stands out, and who emerges as a new artistic “find” in the music world. Anna Geniushene was just such a “find” at the 2019 Tchaikovsky International Piano Competition in Moscow, standing out amongst other participants with her unique and original artistry with her exquisite interpretations and delicate touch.

Geniushene began her solo career at the age of six. She was a finalist at the 2018 Leeds International Piano Competition, and a prize-winner at the Busoni and Dublin International Competitions.

The young artist is active as a recitalist, concerto soloist, as well as chamber musician. She has a collaborative relationship with the Quartetto di Cremona, as well as an active performing career with husband and famed pianist Lukas Geniusas. Geniushene is also director of her own festival in collaborative music-making in Moscow.

We are happy to be presenting the Vancouver debut of this remarkable musician, one who is beginning to make major musical waves.

SCHUBERT "Wanderer-Fantasy", Op. 15
CHOPIN Mazurkas, Op. 50
Polonaise-Fantasy, Op. 61

Intermission

RACHMANINOFF Sonata No.1, Op. 28

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CONCERT 4 VADYM KHOLODENKO



SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021
3 pm, Vancouver Playhouse

Gold medalist of the 2013 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, Vadym Kholodenko is fast emerging as one of the most musically dynamic and technically gifted of the newer generation of performers.

Following his Cliburn win, Kholodenko was appointed the first ever “Artist in Partnership” with the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra. This artistic partnership involved, among other projects, performances and recordings of the complete Prokofiev Piano Concerti.

An active chamber musician as well as concerto soloist, Kholodenko has already performed under the baton of many of today’s major conductors, including Valery Gergiev, Leonard Slatkin, and Vladimir Spivakov, among others.

Already a prolific recording artist, Kholodenko’s recording of the Greig Piano Concerto and Saint-Saens’ Piano Concerto No. 2 was critically acclaimed and awarded “Editor’s Choice” by Gramophone magazine.

Kholodenko’s Vancouver debut performance will no doubt go down as one that we will all be talking about long after the event.

HANDEL Suite in Bb major, HWV 440
HAYDN Sonata in C sharp minor, Hob XVI No. 36
BEETHOVEN Sonata No. 9 in E major, Op. 14 No. 1

Intermission

RACHMANINOFF Moments musicaux Op. 16 (selections)
PROKOFIEV Piano Sonata No. 6

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CONCERT 5 DMITRY ABLOGIN & DIDEROT QUARTET



SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2021

3 pm, Chan Centre

Co-presentation with Early Music Vancouver

Together with Early Music Vancouver, we bring you this spectacular concert featuring the young keyboard artist Dmitry Ablogin, playing both Chopin piano concerti in Chopin's own arrangement for chamber group. Joining him will be the Diderot String Quartet, an ensemble that explores the quartet repertoire on period instruments.

This concert not only marks the Vancouver debut of Ablogin, but will feature, for the first time, Early Music Vancouver's newly-acquired copy of Conrad Graf's 1819 fortepiano, built by master fortepiano builder Paul McNulty.

According to master pianist Piotr Anderszewski, Ablogin is one of the few pianists "to have a real, authentic voice in music making." Anderszewski went on to praise Ablogin as being "incredibly musical and sensitive yet at the same time transparent and precise."

A prize-winner at the 1st International Chopin Competition for Period Instruments, Ablogin's playing caused a sensation, and earned him the love of the Polish audience as well as admiration of the jury members. Since then, he has performed in international music festivals, including the prestigious "Chopin and His Europe" Festival in Warsaw.

Surely a concert not to be missed!

CHOPIN Piano Concerto No. 1 in E minor, Op. 11

Intermission

CHOPIN Piano Concerto No. 2 in F minor, Op. 21

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SPECIAL EVENT

DEBUT RECITAL BY WINNER OF THE 18TH

INTERNATIONAL CHOPIN COMPETITION IN WARSAW

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2021

2:00 pm, Orpheum Theatre

In October of 2020, Warsaw will once again be the piano capital of the world, as some of today's finest young pianists congregate to take part in the 18th International Chopin Piano Competition. This year, a record 500-plus participants from all over the world applied. In the preliminaries, to take place in April of 2020, 80 pianists will be chosen to perform in Warsaw in October.

Ever since its inception in 1927, the International Chopin Competition has launched the careers of some of today's legendary pianists – from artists like Lev Oborin, Bella Davidovich, Maurizio Pollini, Martha Argerich, and Vladimir Ashkenazy, to recent winners such as Krystian Zimerman, Rafal Blechacz, and Seong-Jin Cho, to name only a few.

The Vancouver Chopin Society is proud and pleased to present the yet-to-be-crowned winner of the 2020 competition, in his or her Vancouver debut. Vancouver will be the **ONLY** Canadian stop of this winner's tour, and only one of two stops in North America - the other being New York. Our seasoned subscribers would know that we have presented in recital many of the competition's past laureates.

Come and be witness to music history in the making.

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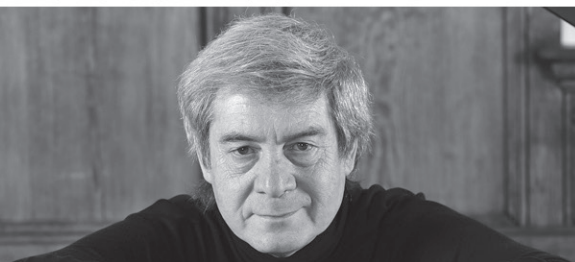
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SINGLE TICKETS FOR NON-SUBSCRIBERS ON SALE JULY 1, 2020

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Sunday Nov 8, 2020 at 3 pm ERIC LU Vancouver Playhouse	A S	50 40	40 32	30 24
Sunday Nov 15, 2020 at 3 pm DMITRI ALEXEEV Vancouver Playhouse	A S	50 40	40 32	30 24
Sunday March 14, 2021 at 3 pm ANNA GENIUSHENE Vancouver Playhouse	A S	50 40	40 32	30 24
Sunday March 28, 2021 at 3 pm VADIM KHOLODENKO Vancouver Playhouse	A S	50 40	40 32	30 24
Sunday May 23, 2021 at 3 pm DMITRI ABLOGIN Chan Centre	A S	68 54	52 42	36 29

SPECIAL EVENTS

Tuesday September 15, 2020 at 7:30 pm EVERY GAGLIANO Vancouver Academy of Music	A S	25 20	GENERAL ADMISSION	
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	SECTION	A	B	C	D
Monday February 15, 2021 at 2 pm Winner of the 2020 Chopin Competition in Warsaw - Orpheum	A S	66 53	52 41	39 31	25 20

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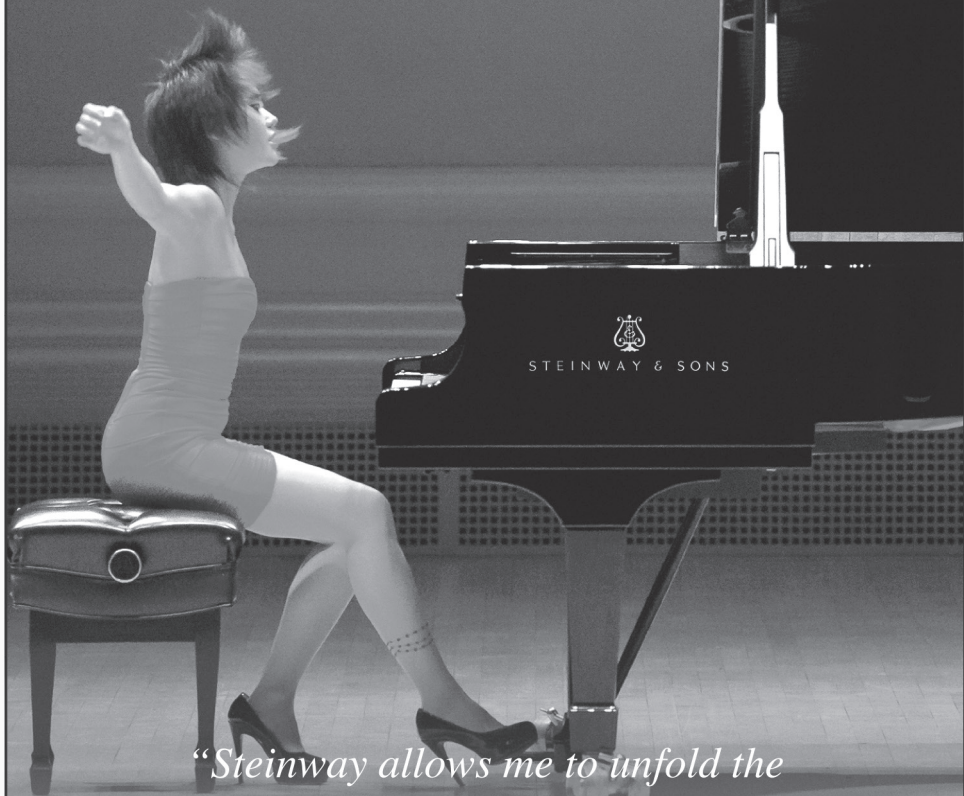


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