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SPRING CONCERTS 2022

Yuja Wang piano

Wednesday March 30 2022

# From the Artistic Director

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Dear Friends:

Welcome to the Orpheum for pianist Yuja Wang's fourth appearance for the VRS. Her first visit, which lives vividly in my memory, was a performance at the Kay Meek Centre in West Vancouver in 2008 when she was just 21.

What can one say about Yuja? She is a unique artist who lights up the concert hall in the same way a meteor lights up the sky. We are thrilled to have her back in Vancouver.

On behalf of the VRS I'd like to thank our Season Sponsor, the Peak Group of Companies, and the sponsor of this evening's concert, London Drugs. I would also like to thank the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra for allowing us to use their Steinway. We are deeply grateful for their support.

In addition, I'd like to thank the City of Vancouver and the Province of British Columbia for their support.

Thank you all for attending. You are a vital part of the experience.

Most sincerely,

  
Leila Getz



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# Program

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**Yuja Wang** piano

Wednesday, March 30, 2022 7:30 pm  
Orpheum Theatre

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN (1770–1827)

**Piano Sonata No. 18, Op. 31 No. 3**

Allegro

Scherzo

Menuetto

Presto con fuoco

(Approx. 20 minutes)

ARNOLD SCHOENBERG (1874–1951)

**Suite for Piano, Op. 25**

Präludium (1921)

Gavotte (1923)

Musette (1923)

Intermezzo (1921–1923)

Menuett. Trio (1923)

Gigue (1923)

(Approx. 15 minutes)

GYÖRGY LIGETI (1923–2006)

**Étude No. 6: “Automne à Varsovie”**

(Approx. 4 minutes)

GYÖRGY LIGETI (1923–2006)

**Étude No. 13: “L’escalier du diable”**

(Approx. 5 minutes)

INTERMISSION

ALEXANDER Scriabin (1872–1915)

**Piano Sonata No. 3 in F-sharp minor, Op. 23**

Drammatico

Allegretto

Andante

Presto con fuoco

(Approx. 20 minutes)

ISAAC ALBÉNIZ (1860–1909)

**Iberia, Book III No.3: “Lavapiés”**

(Approx. 7 minutes)

NIKOLAI KAPUSTIN (1937–2020)

**Prelude Op. 53 No. 11**

(Approx. 2 minutes)

NIKOLAI KAPUSTIN (1937–2020)

**Prelude Op. 53 No. 10\***

(Approx. 2 minutes)

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# Yuja Wang piano

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Yuja was born into a musical family in Beijing. After childhood piano studies in China, she received advanced training in Canada and at the Curtis Institute of Music under Gary Graffman. Her international breakthrough came in 2007, when she replaced Martha Argerich as soloist with the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Two years later, she signed an exclusive contract with Deutsche Grammophon, and has since established her place among the world's leading artists, with a succession of critically acclaimed performances and recordings. She was named Musical America's Artist of the Year in 2017, and in 2021 received an Opus Klassik Award for her world-premiere recording of John Adams' *Must the Devil Have all the Good Tunes?* with the Los Angeles Philharmonic under the baton of Gustavo Dudamel.

As a chamber musician, Yuja has developed long lasting partnerships with several leading artists, notably violinist Leonidas Kavakos, with whom she has recorded the complete Brahms violin sonatas and will be performing duo recitals in America in the Autumn. In 2022, Yuja embarks on a highly-anticipated international recital tour, which sees her perform in world-class venues across North America, Europe and Asia, astounding audiences once more with her flair, technical ability and exceptional artistry in a wide-ranging programme to include Ligeti, Beethoven and Kapustin.



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Yuja Wang is represented by Intermusica, London,. UK

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