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FALL CONCERTS 2022

Sir Andrés Schiff piano

Tuesday October 18 2022

From the Artistic Director

Dear Friends:

For an organization that has a history of presenting *surprise concerts*, tonight's performance by Sir András Schiff is a **FIRST** for the VRS.

In this case we know (and greatly admire) the performer, but we don't know what he's going to play. He will introduce the works from the stage, and no doubt explain the ins and outs of what we are about to hear.

He has such a vast repertoire from which to draw as he travels the world and gives performances, so I can understand perfectly well why he no longer wishes to be tied down to having to decide programs three years in advance.

What we *can* expect is that whatever he plays will be revelatory, and that there won't be any Liszt or Rachmaninov on the program.

We are so privileged to bring you great musicians such as Sir András, who has visited Vancouver many times since his debut for us in 1981. We couldn't do what we do without the support of our Season Sponsor, the Peak Group of Companies, and the sponsor of this evening's concert, the Martha Lou Henley Charitable Foundation.

We are also grateful to the City of Vancouver and the Province of British Columbia for their support.

And finally, thank you for trusting Sir András and us, not knowing what will be on this evening's menu.

Enjoy.

Most sincerely,



Leila



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the works from the stage.**

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Vancouver Playhouse**

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Sir András Schiff piano

Early Life & Education: Born in Budapest, Hungary in 1953, Sir András studied piano at the Liszt Ferenc Academy with Pál Kadosa, György Kurtág and Ferenc Rados, and in London with George Malcom.

This season: In North America Sir András will perform eight recitals comprised of Bach's Goldberg Variations and other programs announced from the stage. In April he will remain in New York City performing 9 concerts as Artist-in-Residence of the New York Philharmonic.

Recordings: Sir András has established a prolific discography and since 1997 has been an exclusive artist for ECM New Series and its producer, Manfred Eicher. Highlights include the complete Beethoven Piano Sonatas recorded live in Zurich, solo recitals of Schubert, Schumann and Janáček, as well as J.S. Bach's Partitas, Goldberg Variations and Well-Tempered Clavier. His most recent two disc set of Schubert Sonatas and Impromptus was released in the spring of 2019.

Awards & Prizes: Sir András Schiff's many honours include the International Mozarteum Foundation's Gold Medal (2012), Germany's Great Cross of Merit with Star (2012), the Royal Philharmonic Society's Gold Medal (2013), a Knighthood for Services to Music (2014) and a Doctorate from the Royal College of Music (2018). He was awarded the Jean Gimbel Lane Prize in Piano Performance in 2021 from The Henry and Leigh Bienen School of Music at Northwestern University.

Did you know: Sir András continues to support new talent, primarily through his "Building Bridges" series, which gives performance opportunities to promising young artists. He also teaches at the Barenboim-Said and Kronberg academies, and gives frequent lectures and masterclasses. In 2017 his book *Music Comes from Silence*, a compilation of essays and conversations with Martin Meyer, was published by Bärenreiter and Henschel.



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