

Mitsuko Uchida  
Piano

Sunday, April 21st, 1985,  
Queen Elizabeth Playhouse

5th Season 1984—1985



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# Programme

English Suite No. 2 in A minor

J.S. Bach  
(1685—1750)

Prelude  
Allemande  
Courante  
Sarabande  
Bourrée I and II  
Gigue

Sonata in D Major, K. 284c

W.A. Mozart  
(1756—1791)

Allegro con spirito  
Andante con espressione  
Rondeau: Allegro

# Intermission

Sonata in G Major, D. 894

Schubert  
(1797—1828)

Molto moderato e cantabile  
Andante  
Menuetto: Allegro moderato  
Allegretto

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# Meet the Artist

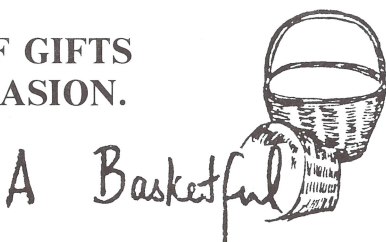
## MITSUKO UCHIDA

MITSUKO UCHIDA, perhaps the most outstanding Japanese musician of her generation, is recognized throughout the musical world as one of the most distinguished interpreters of the classical piano repertoire. Since her performances of the complete Mozart Sonata Cycle in London and Tokyo, she has been in exceptional demand from orchestras and promoters throughout Europe, the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and the Far East. Her 1984-85 North American appearances include the Detroit Symphony and the Quebec Symphony, with recitals in Vancouver, Pasadena, and Portland.

The crowning of Ms. Uchida's recent achievements has been the signing of a long-term exclusive recording contract with Philips; her first album was released in the U.S. last September. Her Berlin Philharmonic debut in the spring of 1984 was another outstanding success, as was a tour of Germany with the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra. She is now also regularly scheduled as guest soloist with the London Symphony, the Philharmonia, the English Chamber Orchestra, and other major British orchestras.

Ms. Uchida was 12, and already an exceptional piano student in Tokyo, when she accompanied her family in 1961 to Vienna, where by a stroke of musical good fortune her father had been posted with the Japanese Diplomatic Service. Ms. Uchida studied at the Vienna Academy of Music under Richard Hauser and two years later gave a major recital in the Brahmsaal at the age of 14. With Stefan Askenase and Wilhelm Kempff among her mentors, Mitsuko Uchida soon scored several brilliant successes in major piano competitions, among them First Prize in Vienna's Beethoven Competition when she was only 20 years old, and Second Prize in Warsaw's Chopin Competition, both in 1969, and in 1975 she won Second Prize in the Leeds International Competition.

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