



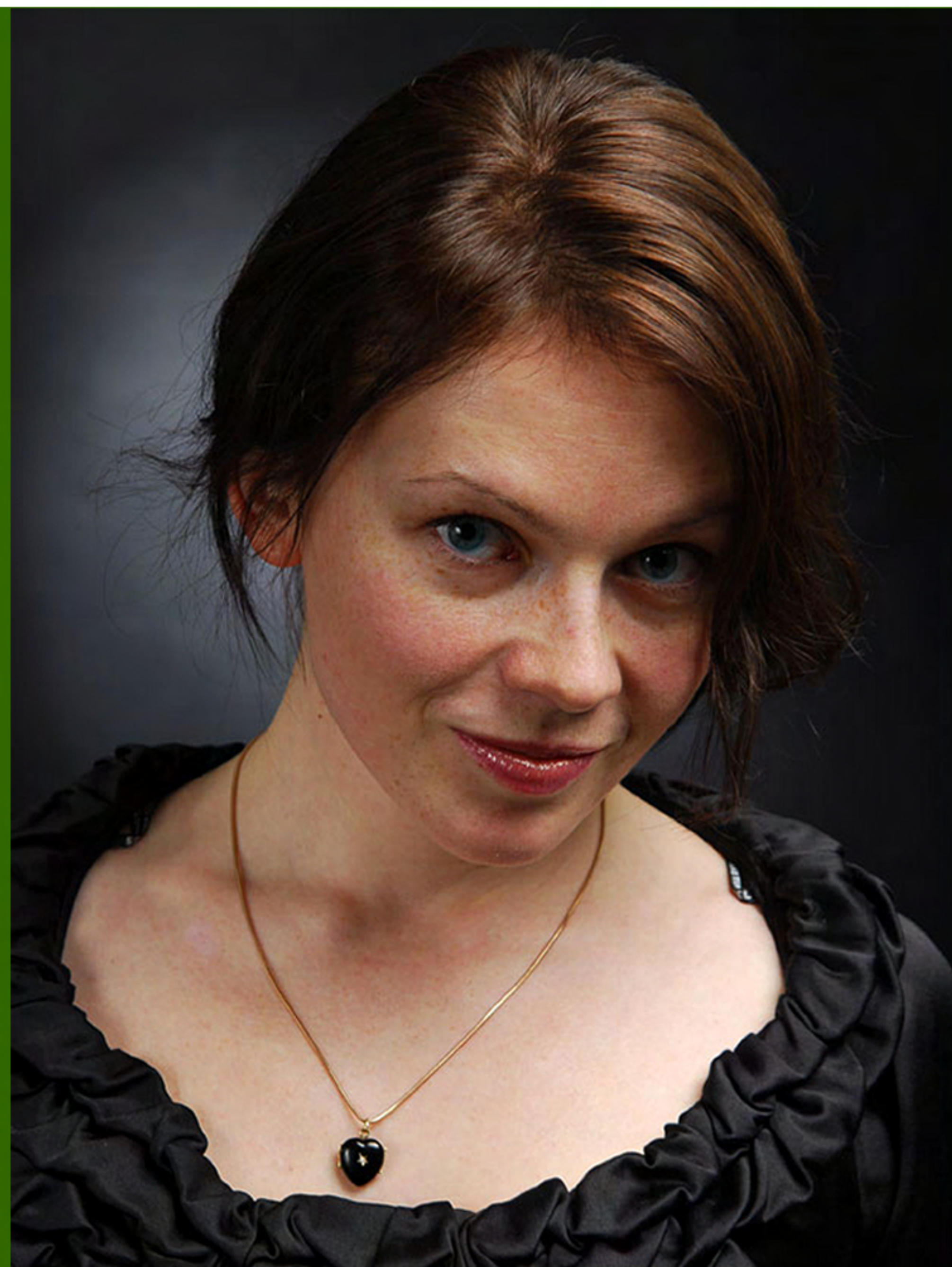
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# Great Pianists of the World

2018-2019 Steinway Recital Series by arrangement with Jack Price



Four virtuoso solo recitals in the St Louis Area's premier piano series.





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The ability of a solo pianist to drive an audience into a frenzy has long been a tradition in the hands of mesmerizing performers such as Liszt, Rachmaninoff, Horowitz and Rubinstein. And the thrill of getting to see and hear such musicians live in an intimate setting on a Steinway grand piano can be an unforgettable experience for the listener, but offered normally only in the major cities on the East and West coast.



By arrangement with Jack Price, and inspired by a new wave of Price Rubin piano series in Seattle and Spokane, WA, Pittsburgh, PA, Boca Raton, FL, Scottsdale, AZ, Corpus Christi, TX, Oklahoma City and Tulsa, OK, the Philharmonic Society of Belleville is pleased to continue its Steinway recital series in the splendid acoustics of the St. Paul United Church of Christ, Belleville, IL, called *Great Pianists Of The World*. There is no equivalent cultural series in St. Louis that presents four of today's most exciting international-caliber guest artists in recital, once a staple at Powell Hall and the Sheldon, but is no longer available in our metropolitan area.

Just 20 minutes from downtown St. Louis, Belleville will be a destination point for piano aficionados and for those with young pianists in their life. Enriching the lives of piano parents, teachers and students alike, this an opportunity for families to provide their talented children with exposure to world-class musical mentors, at an extremely affordable price for subscribers.



### Recital Dates

**Saturday, September 15, 2018**

**Valentina Igoshina, piano**

**Saturday, November 10, 2018**

**Cristiana Pegoraro, piano**

**Saturday, January 12, 2019**

**Svetlana Smolina, piano**

**Sunday, February 16, 2019**

**Ani Gogova, piano**

All programs at 7:30 pm

**St. Paul United Church of Christ**

115 West B Street

Belleville, Illinois 62220







# Valentina Igoshina

Saturday, September 15, 2018 7:30 pm

St Paul United Church of Christ, 116 W B Street, Belleville, IL 62220

Valentina IGOSHINA was born in Bryansk (Russia) and graduated from the Tchaikovsky Conservatory in Moscow, where she studied under Larissa Dedova and Sergei Dorensky.

Valentina IGOSHINA has won prizes at several international competitions: the Rubinstein Competition in Poland in 1993 (1st Prize), the Sergei Rachmaninov International Piano Competition in Moscow in 1997 (1st Prize), the Queen Elizabeth International Competition in Brussels in 2003 (finalist) and the José Iturbi International Piano Competition in Valencia (Spain) in 2006 (2nd prize).

Valentina has performed in concert halls around the world, appearing with the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, the Concertgebouw Royal Orchestra, the Barcelona Symphony Orchestra. She has released several albums featuring the music of Mussorgsky, Chopin, and Schumann.

*"...Engaging Concerto performances, alert to the First's mischievous wit and the Second's charming lyricism..."*

*- BBC Music Magazine*

*"Valentina shows in each of her performances the difference between being a good pianist and being an artist."*

*-Macau Daily Times*

## PROGRAM

Ludwig van Beethoven: Piano Sonata No. 14 in C-sharp minor, Op. 27, No.2 Quasi una fantasia" (Moonlight)

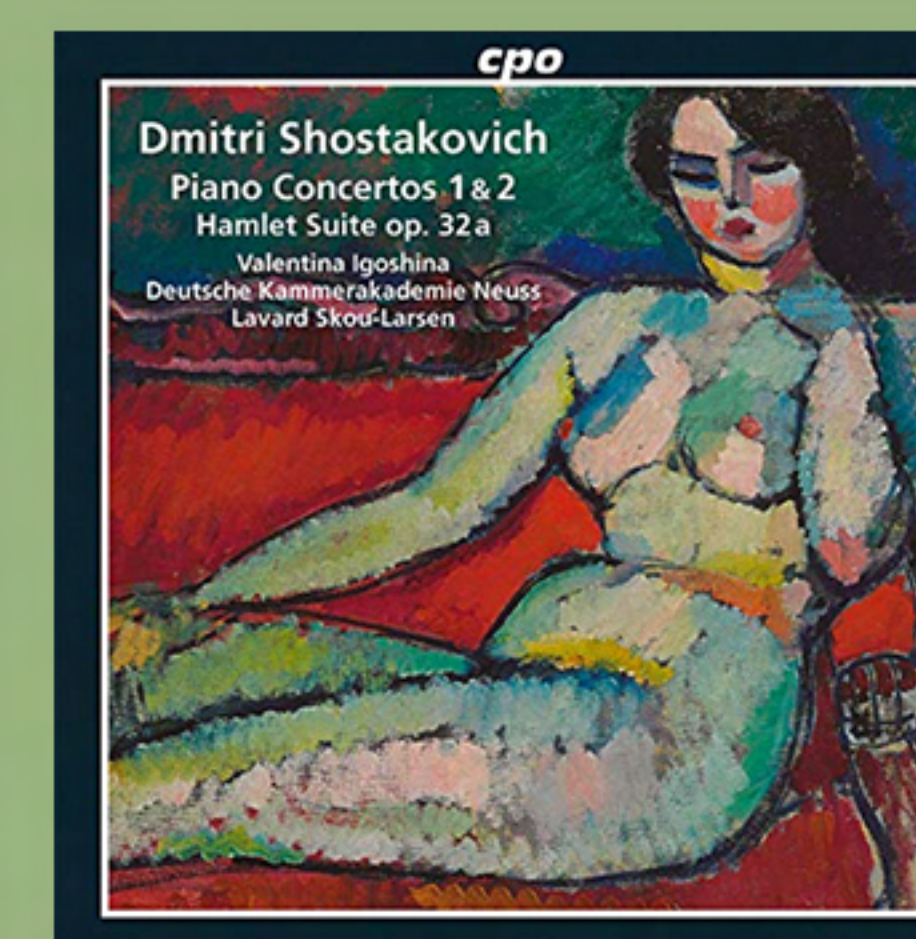
Ludwig van Beethoven: Piano Sonata No, 17 in D minor, Op.31, No.2 (The Tempest)

--intermission--

Claude Debussy: Estampes

Modest Mussorgsky: Pictures At An Exhibition

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and iTunes







# Cristiana Pegoraro

Saturday, November 10, 2018 7:30 pm

St Paul United Church of Christ, 116 W B Street, Belleville, IL 62220

Acclaimed as one of the most gifted musicians of her generation, Italian-born pianist Cristiana Pegoraro has consistently entertained and enlightened audiences with her inspired performances and original programming. Her skills display great technical and interpretative abilities. She began her career in music as a piano prodigy receiving countless national and international awards, including the 1989 Prague Best of the Year for Classical Music Award "for her great personality, strong musical temperament, mastery of phrasing and expressive artistry." The New York Times called her "an artist of the highest caliber" following her stunning 1996 debut at Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall.

A gold medal winner at the 2016 Global Music Awards, Ms. Pegoraro has performed in some of the major venues in Europe, United States, South America, Asia and Australia. Hailed by the critics as "among the best interpreters of Cuban and South American music", Ms. Pegoraro has premiered to European audiences the works of Latin-American composers such as Astor Piazzolla, Joaquin Nin and Ernesto Lecuona.

*"...Her own composition 'The Wind and the Sea' is worthy an Academy Award. The audience loved it..."*

– Piedmont Post

*"... A pianist with a refined technique who is also an accomplished composer"*

– America Oggi

*"...Masterful the performances of Cristiana Pegoraro, who confirmed to be an artist of refined sensibility and brilliant virtuosism..."*

– La Goccia, Italy

## PROGRAM

### "OMAGGIO ALL'ITALIA"

Gioacchino Rossini: Overture to "Il barbiere di Siviglia" (arr. Cristiana Pegoraro)

Ludwig van Beethoven: Piano Sonata No. 14 in C-sharp minor, Op. 27, No. 2, "Quasi una fantasia" (Moonlight)

George Bizet: Carmen Fantasy (arr. Cristiana Pegoraro)

—intermission—

Astor Piazzolla: Tangos — *Milonga del Angel*, *La Muerte del Angel*, *Chau Paris* (arr. Cristiana Pegoraro)

Cristiana Pegoraro: *The Wind and the Sea*

Cristiana Pegoraro: *Fantasy for Piano*

(after arias by Verdi, Puccini, and Rossini)

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# Svetlana Smolina

**Saturday, January 12, 2019 7:30 pm**

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Svetlana Smolina studied at Indiana University with Professor Alexander Toradze, at Balakirev Music College with Natalia Fish, at Oberlin Conservatory with Monique Duphil and at University of Michigan with Arthur Greene.

She has performed with orchestras and in recitals worldwide. Notable appearances with orchestras include Mariinsky Orchestra at Carnegie Hall, New York Philharmonic at Avery Fisher, St.Petersburg, Philharmonic, and Orchestra National de France, Odessa. A frequent guest at festivals worldwide, Ms. Smolina has performed at the Salzburg Festival, Hollywood Bowl, Ravinia Rising Stars, White Nights, Maggio Musicale, Mikkeli, Ruhr, Easter, Rotterdam Phillips Gergiev, International Gilmore, Settimane Musicali di Stresa, Michelangeli, and Hennessy Artists Series at Hanoi Opera House.

*"The performance had plenty of fervor...yet it was nuanced, dusky and organic...Mesmerizing."*

– The New York Times

*"Smolina's defining of the lyrical aspects in the music she played made her performance cherishable... ""*

– Los Angeles Times

*"[The] program was devoted to Etudes and Waltzes...the pianist produced dazzling effects entirely appropriate to the genre..Smolina brought the audience close to frenzy."*

– Sarasota Herald Tribune

## PROGRAM

Franz Schubert: Impromptu in B-flat major, Op. 142, No. 3

Frederic Chopin: Scherzo No. 2 in B-flat minor, Op. 31

Frederic Chopin: Two Waltzes, Op. 64

Frederic Chopin: Grande Waltz Brillante in E-flat major, Op. 18

Frederic Chopin: Ballade in G minor, Op. 23

—intermission—

Sergei Rachmaninoff: Two Preludes, Op. 23

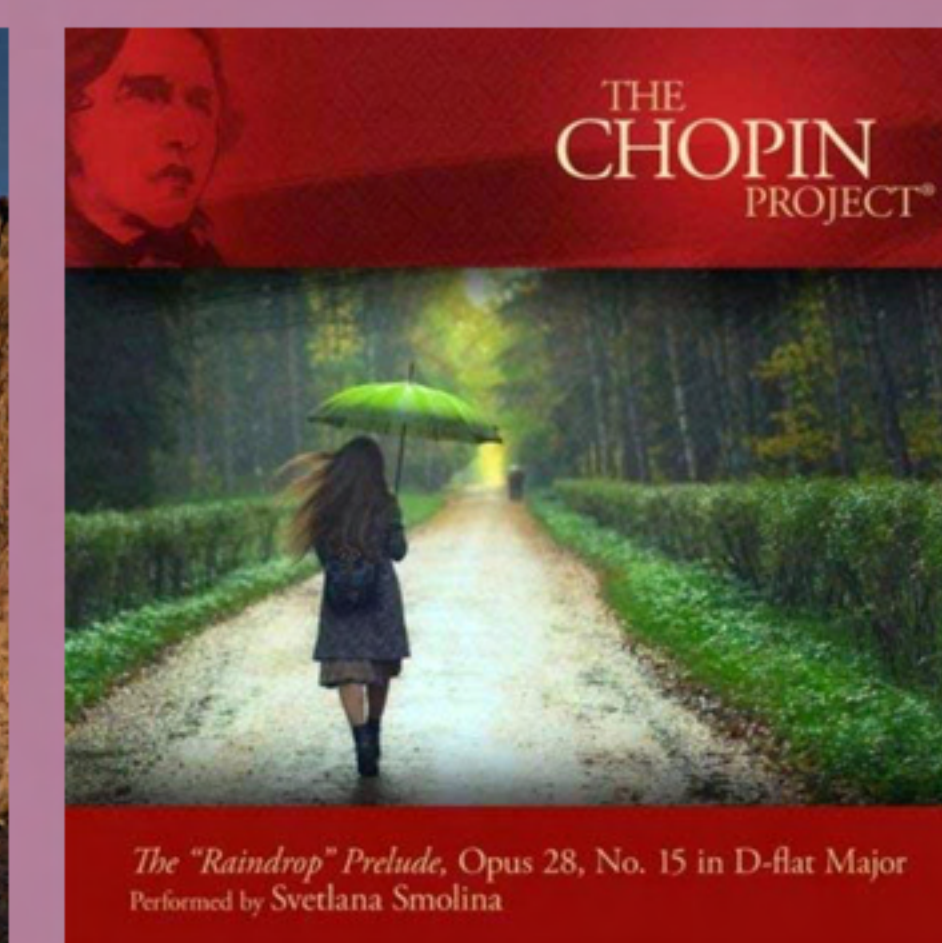
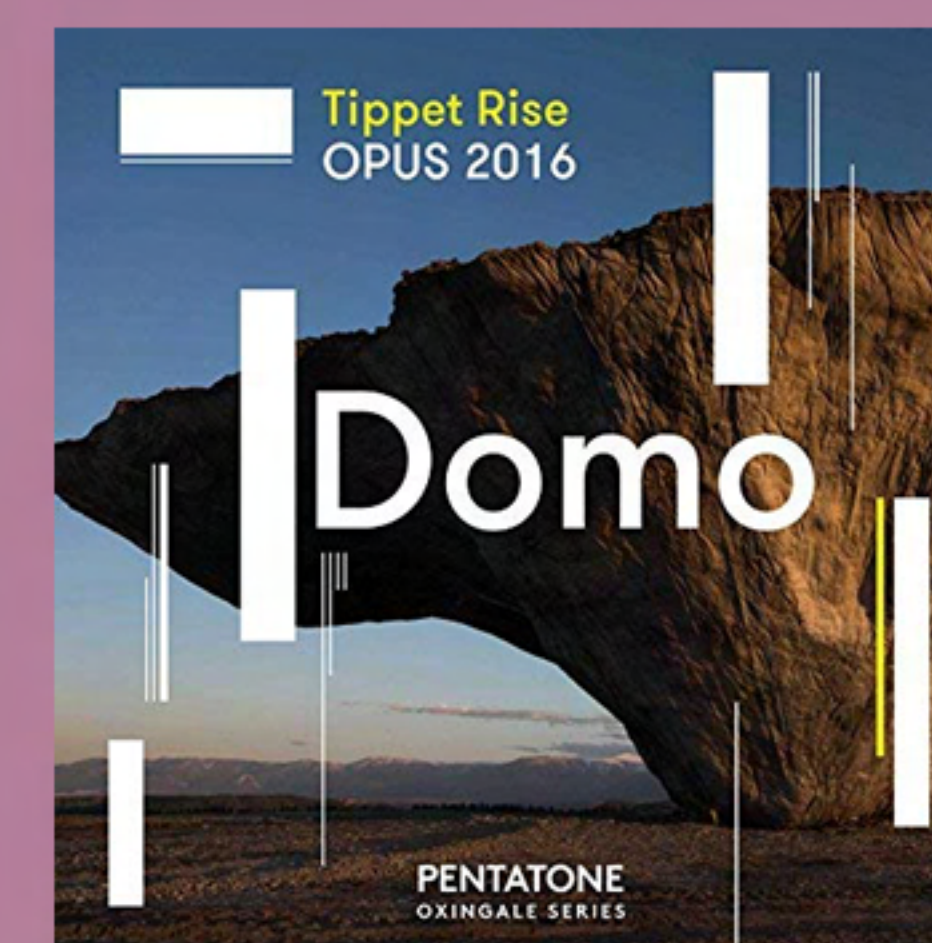
Sergei Rachmaninoff: Piano Sonata No. 2 in B-flat minor, Op. 36

Claude Debussy: "Feux d'Artifice" from Preludes Book 2

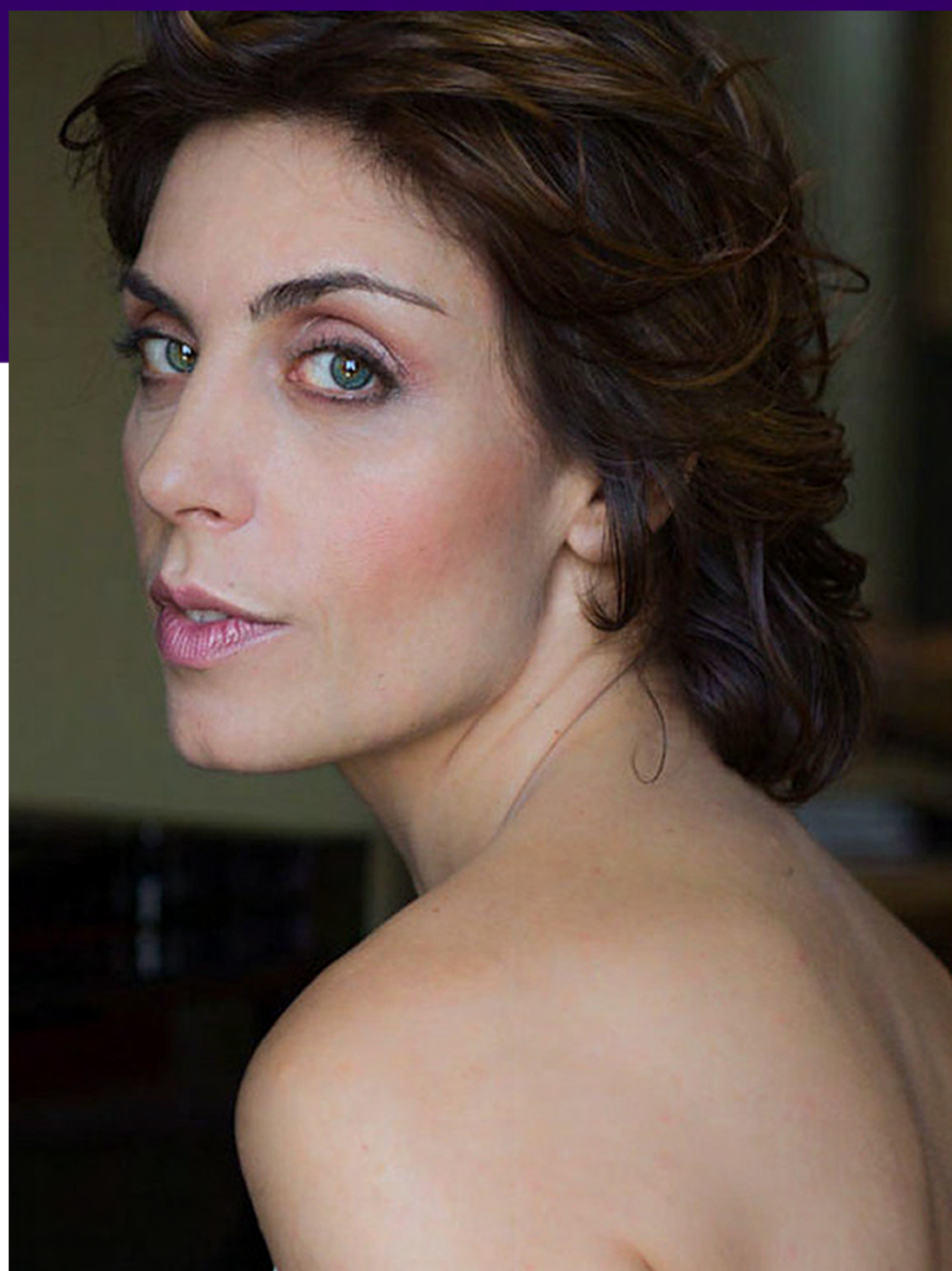
Maurice Ravel: Une Barque Sur L' Océan from "Miroirs"

Mily Balakirev: "Islamey" Oriental Fantasy

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# Ani Gogova

**Saturday, February 16, 2019 7:30 pm**

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Ani Gogova's "dazzling artistic presence", "masterful poetic expression", "ravishing colors", and "virtuoso technique beyond reproach" have been captivating audiences around the world for almost two decades. Her career started early in her native Bulgaria when she won all major competitions, including the most prestigious National Music Competition "Svetoslav Obretenov", as well as top prizes in several international competitions for young pianists. Since then Gogova has appeared in solo recitals and concerts with orchestras in Bulgaria, Italy, Serbia, England, Slovenia, Romania, Portugal, Macedonia, and throughout the US. Her solo renditions have been heard on the Bulgarian National Radio, FM Classic Radio, Interlochen Public Radio, and WFMT Chicago.

Equally at home as a performer and producer, Ani Gogova is the Executive Director of Anima Productions. In this capacity, she has been in charge of numerous productions, most notably the world premiere recording of music for baritone and string quartet by Ricky Ian Gordon as presented at Lincoln Center.

*"Gogova is a complete modern classical musician, with the ability to communicate her music through straight concert performances, videos, multi-genre presentations, and recordings.....I would go out of my way to see her perform."*

– American Record Guide

*"Gogova certainly impresses in her applications to the Moonlight Sonata, coloring chords and eliciting fine nuances"*

– Audiophile Audition

## PROGRAM

Ludwig van Beethoven: Piano Sonata No 14 in C-sharp minor, Op. 27, No. 2 "Quasi una fantasia" (Moonlight)

Frederic Chopin: Etudes, Op, 10

—intermission—

Sergei Rachmaninoff: Two Etudes-tableaux, Op.33

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## STARS OF TOMORROW

Lindenwood University Auditorium Saturday, October 13, 2018, 7:30 pm

## NUTCRACKER BALLET

Scottish Rite Cathedral, Sat, Nov 17, 2018, 7:30 pm  
Sun, Nov 18, 2018, 1:30 & 5 pm

## CHRISTMAS WONDERS

St. Luke Catholic Church, Sunday, December 9, 2018, 3 pm

## WINTER DREAMS

Union United Methodist Church, Saturday, Feb 23, 2019, 7:30 pm

## FRENCH CONNECTION

St. Paul United Church of Christ, Saturday, March 16, 2019, 7:30 pm

## OLD WORLD MEETS NEW WORLD

Lindenwood University Auditorium, Saturday, April 27, 2019, 7:30 pm

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Four Concert Series Pass (Save 12%)	___ x \$70	___ x \$60	___ x \$35
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Ani Gogova (Feb 16, 2019)	___ x \$20	___ x \$17	___ x \$10

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