

LEEDS INTERNATIONAL PIANO SERIES 2023/24

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We're delighted to introduce the third Leeds International Piano Series, a collaboration between Leeds International Concert Season, Leeds International Piano Competition and The Venue, Leeds Conservatoire.

We have a truly wonderful line-up of pianists in store this season and look forward to welcoming both new and familiar faces to Leeds audiences. Artists from Canada, Argentina, Israel, Russia, and Romania will perform classics from the piano repertoire by Ludwig van Beethoven, Frédéric Chopin, and Robert Schumann, along with lesser-performed works by Lili Boulanger and Camille Pépin in their carefully crafted programmes.

We look forward to welcoming you to these concerts.

Leeds International Concert Season
Leeds International Piano Competition

All concerts start at 7.30pm





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Mon 9 October 2023

LOUIS LORTIE

COMPLETE CHOPIN ÉTUDES

FRÉDÉRIC CHOPIN

Études, Op 10

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Trois nouvelles études, B 130

FRÉDÉRIC CHOPIN

Études, Op 25

We're particularly excited to begin the series with Canadian pianist Louis Lortie, a Leeds International Piano Competition prize winner in 1984 who has gone on to have a very distinguished career delighting audiences around the world. Louis starts the season performing all the études of one the greatest piano composers of all time, Frédéric Chopin.

4HIS [LORTIE'S] INTERPRETATIONS ARE INTELLIGENTLY THOUGHT OUT, THE RHYTHMS ARE SOPHISTICATED AND TRULY AT THEIR FINEST.7

PIZZICATO



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Tue 7 November 2023

INGRID FLITER

ROBERT SCHUMANN

Symphonic Etudes, Op 13 (inc Op Post)

FRÉDÉRIC CHOPIN

Nocturne, Op 9, No 3

FRÉDÉRIC CHOPIN

Piano Sonata No 3, Op 58

The wonderful Argentinian pianist Ingrid Fliter will play works by Frédéric Chopin paired with a set of Robert Schumann's most demanding and virtuosic études, enjoyed by performers and audiences alike.

4FLITER'S CLEAN TECHNIQUE, PEARLY RUNS, AND PENCHANT FOR COAXING OUT INNER VOICES ARE LOVELY TO BEHOLD.7

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Fri 8 December 2023

ANGELA HEWITT

WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART

Rondo, K511

WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART

Piano Sonata No 17, K570

WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART

Twelve Variations on

Ah, vous dirai-je Maman, K265

ROBERT SCHUMANN

Piano Sonata No 1, Op 11

Canadian pianist Angela Hewitt is one of the world's most distinguished pianists, best known for her JS Bach interpretations. Angela's recital features Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's charming take on the French folk song *Ah, vous dirai-je Maman*, which went on to be used for many-a children's song such as *Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star* and *Baa, Baa, Black Sheep*. Robert Schumann's first piano sonata, inspired by his beloved Clara, closes the evening.

‘HEWITT’S PLAYING RADIATES JOY, WIT AND PROFOUND UNDERSTANDING OF THE COMPOSER’S KEYBOARD STYLE.’

THE SUNDAY TIMES

Sat 13 January 2024

INON BARNATAN

FRANZ SCHUBERT

Moments Musicaux, D 780

SERGEI RACHMANINOV

Moments Musicaux, Op 16

JS BACH

(ARR RACHMANINOV)

Suite from Violin Partita in E major, BWV 1006

SERGEI RACHMANINOV

(ARR BARNATAN)

Symphonic Dances

American-Israeli pianist Inon Barnatan, a member of the Leeds International Piano Competition jury in 2021, returns to Leeds with an intriguing combination of JS Bach, Franz Schubert, and Sergei Rachmaninov. The concert includes Inon's own piano arrangement of Rachmaninov's explosive *Symphonic Dances*.

‘A BREATH-TAKING CHARISMA THAT COMES FROM GORGEOUSLY TURNED OUT TECHNIQUE...’

PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER



Fri 2 February 2024

YULIANNA AVDEEVA

FRANZ LISZT

La lugubre gondola No 2, S 200/2

FRANZ LISZT

Bagatelle sans tonalité, S 216a

FRANZ LISZT

Csárdás macabre, S 224

FRANZ LISZT

Unstern! Sinistre, disastro, S 208

FRANZ LISZT

Deux légendes, S 175:

No 2. St François de Paule marchant sur les flots

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

Piano Sonata, Op 106 (*Hammerklavier*)

Two giants of keyboard composition, Franz Liszt and Ludwig van Beethoven, feature in Russian pianist Yulianna Avdeeva's recital which closes with Beethoven's mighty *Hammerklavier* Sonata. Yulianna shot to world prominence as winner of the Chopin Piano Competition in 2010 and has been in high demand for performances across the world ever since.

**4...PLAYING OF CONSIDERABLE POISE
AND TASTE.7**

GRAMOPHONE

Fri 15 March 2024

ALEXANDRA DARIESCU

CAMILLE PÉPIN

Number 1

LILI BOULANGER

Prélude

LILI BOULANGER

Trois morceaux pour piano

FRÉDÉRIC CHOPIN

Andante spianato et Grande polonaise brillante

PYOTR ILYICH TCHAIKOVSKY

(ARR M PLETNEV, GRAINGER, SUTHERLAND)

Suite: *The Nutcracker*

We're thrilled to welcome back Romanian pianist Alexandra Dariescu to close the series. Alexandra has forged an exciting career over the last few years and will present a fascinating programme featuring works by two French female composers, Camille Pépin and Lili Boulanger. Alexandra has chosen the sumptuous piano version of Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker* to bring her concert to an end.

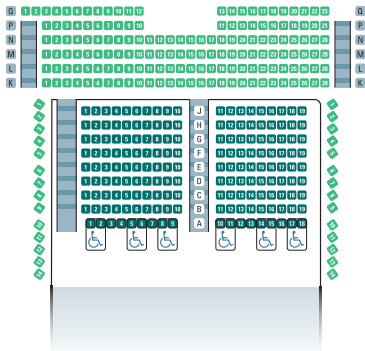
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INTERPRETATION... CRYSTAL CLEAR...
TRULY FASCINATING...7**

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