

# LEEDS INTERNATIONAL PIANO SERIES 2024/25

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We're delighted to welcome you to Leeds International Piano Series 2024/25, which has firmly established itself as a collection of unmissable events on Leeds' cultural scene.

This season brings together five of the world's most distinguished pianists and a newcomer whose name, at the time of writing, is still unknown. This is the winner of the 2024 Leeds International Piano Competition, to be discovered in September 2024, playing what will be their first concert in Leeds following their winning performance.

There are more connections with The Leeds' alumnae – the wonderful French pianist Anne Queffélec presents Ludwig van Beethoven's last three sonatas, and the much-loved British pianist Kathryn Stott gives her final Leeds performance as a concert pianist with a programme titled *Musical Postcards*.

Opening the series is one of the greatest pianists alive today, the legendary Elisabeth Leonskaja, with an enticing programme of Franz Schubert and Arnold Schoenberg. We're particularly delighted to welcome two of the UK's leading pianists back to Leeds – Sir Stephen Hough, playing music by Cécile Chaminade alongside the great Franz Liszt and Frédéric Chopin, and Benjamin Grosvenor, still in his early thirties but already a major world star, with a wonderfully romantic programme of Johannes Brahms, Robert Schumann, and Modest Mussorgsky.

We look forward to welcoming you to Leeds Conservatoire, the home of the Leeds International Piano Series.

**Leeds International Concert Season**  
**Leeds International Piano Competition**

**All concerts start at 7.30pm**



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Benjamin Grosvenor  
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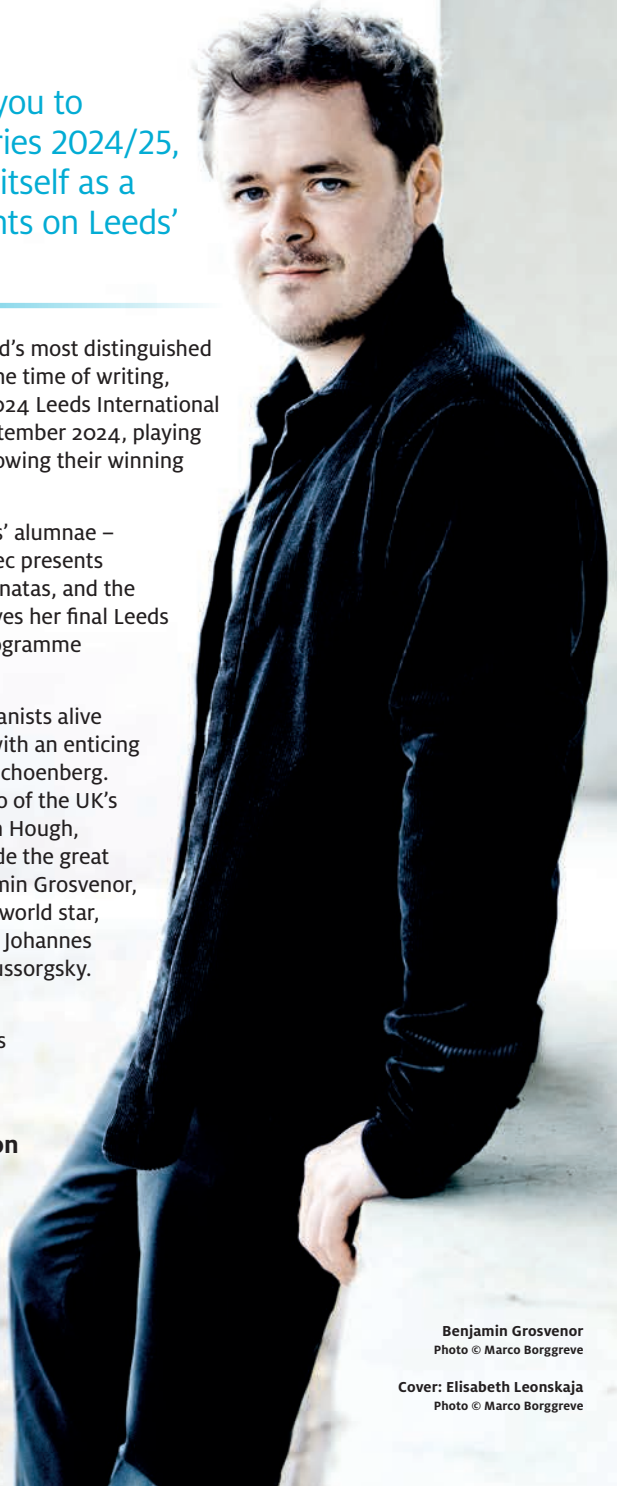




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**Mon 21 October 2024**

## **ELISABETH LEONSKAJA**

**FRANZ SCHUBERT**

Piano Sonata, D 850

**ARNOLD SCHOENBERG**

Suite for Piano

**ARNOLD SCHOENBERG**

Six Little Piano Pieces

**FRANZ SCHUBERT**

Piano Sonata, D 960

A legend in her own time, Russian/Austrian pianist Elisabeth Leonskaja stems from the Russian school that produced Emil Gilels and Sviatoslav Richter, with whom she formed a musical partnership.

We're honoured to welcome her to Leeds as she brings a programme of music by Arnold Schoenberg and Franz Schubert, including the latter's sublime final Piano Sonata in B flat. A unique event.

**4...INNATE PIANISM, WITH MUSICAL SENSIBILITIES... HONED BY A LIFETIME OF EXPERIENCE.7**

THE GUARDIAN



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**Tue 19 November 2024**

## **ANNE QUEFFÉLEC**

**LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN**

The Last Three Sonatas:

Piano Sonata, Op 109

Piano Sonata, Op 110

Piano Sonata, Op 111

French pianist Anne Queffélec has been a firm favourite with Leeds audiences ever since she won fifth prize in the 1969 Leeds International Piano Competition. She brings her unique blend of humanity, brilliance, and authority to bear on three of the greatest pillars of the piano repertoire, Ludwig van Beethoven's last three piano sonatas.

**4QUEFFÉLEC'S PIANISM IS EXCEPTIONAL...7**

THE CLASSIC REVIEW



Thu 5 December 2024

Tue 11 February 2025

## KATHRYN STOTT

### MUSICAL POSTCARDS

Programme to include:

**LILI BOULANGER**

Thème et Variations

**GABRIEL FAURÉ**

Barcarolle No 4

**RICHARD ROGERS ARR STEPHEN HOUGH**

The Sound of Music: *My Favourite Things*

**FRÉDÉRIC CHOPIN**

Mazurka, Op 17, No 4

*For full programme details please visit [leedsconcertseason.co.uk](https://leedsconcertseason.co.uk) or find our contact details on the back page of this brochure.*

Kathryn Stott, one of the best-loved of all UK pianists, recently announced her retirement as a concert pianist at the end of 2024. In one of her last appearances on stage, she brings a wonderfully varied and highly personal programme of musical postcards featuring some of her favourite repertoire, which takes its theme from one of the pieces featured, Richard Rogers and Oscar Hammerstein's 1959 hit song, *My Favorite Things*.

## LEEDS INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION WINNER

Programme and performer to be confirmed. Please check [leedsconcertseason.co.uk](https://leedsconcertseason.co.uk) from September 2024 for updates or find our contact details on the back page of this brochure.

This will be the first opportunity to hear the newest winner of the Leeds International Piano Competition performing in Leeds just months after the 2024 competition. The winner follows an illustrious line of past winners including Radu Lupu, Murray Perahia, Mitsuko Uchida, András Schiff, Lars Vogt, and more recently Eric Lu and Alim Beisembayev.



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INTERNATIONAL  
PIANO COMPETITION

**‘NO ONE COULD HAVE PREDICTED THE EFFECT [THE LEEDS] WOULD HAVE ON PIANISM WORLDWIDE.’**

THE INDEPENDENT

**‘...GORGEOUSLY WARM AND INTIMATE MUSIC MAKING.’**

THE STRAD



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**Tue 4 March 2025**

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## STEPHEN HOUGH

**CÉCILE CHAMINADE**

6 Études de concert: *Automne*

**CÉCILE CHAMINADE**

6 Pièces humoristiques: *Autrefois*

**FRANZ LISZT**

Piano Sonata in B minor

**CÉCILE CHAMINADE**

Thème varié

**CÉCILE CHAMINADE**

Les Sylvains

**FRÉDÉRIC CHOPIN**

Piano Sonata No 3 in B minor

One of the most distinguished of pianists and a firm favourite at the BBC Proms and worldwide, Sir Stephen Hough returns to Leeds with an intriguing programme that pairs the music of the relatively unknown French composer Cécile Chaminade with two giants of the romantic piano repertoire, Frédéric Chopin and Franz Liszt.

**‘[HOUGH] IS A MASTER MUSICIAN  
REVEALING HIS SOUL IN WAYS THAT  
AREN’T POSSIBLE...’**

THE TIMES

**Fri 21 March 2025**

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## BENJAMIN GROSVENOR

**JOHANNES BRAHMS**

3 Intermezzi

**ROBERT SCHUMANN**

Fantasie

**MODEST MUSSORGSKY**

Pictures at an Exhibition

Benjamin Grosvenor has been in the limelight since winning the keyboard section of the BBC Young Musician of the Year competition at just twelve years old. Still in his early thirties, his career now takes him all over the world and he regularly appears at the BBC Proms. He brings a lovely programme of romantic piano music, pairing Johannes Brahms and Robert Schumann alongside one of the blockbusters of the virtuoso piano repertoire, Modest Mussorgsky’s ever-popular *Pictures at an Exhibition*.

**‘MONUMENTAL AND BRILLIANT.’**

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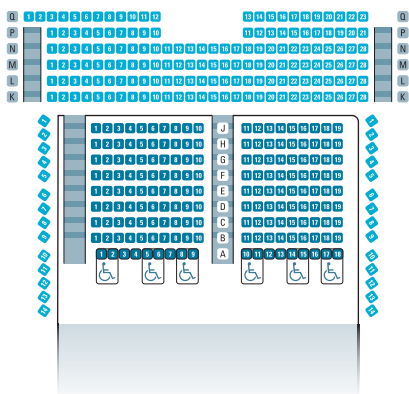
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## VENUE ADDRESS

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