

## Announcing the 22<sup>nd</sup> Season for Steinway Society – The Bay Area

San Jose, CA – Introducing the 2016-17 eight-concert series Sandra Wales, Board President of Steinway Society - The Bay Area, announced that eight internationally acclaimed pianists will be featured in the organization's 22<sup>nd</sup> season. International pianist and Gold Medalist at the Tenth Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, Jon Nakamatsu, leads off the Concert series, beginning September 11, 2016.

“We are especially proud to bring renowned pianist Jon Nakamatsu for a return performance,” says Wales. “Mr. Nakamatsu grew up in San Jose, graduated from Stanford University and his wife teaches at Saratoga High School. Though his busy touring schedule often keeps him away, he is immensely popular with the Bay Area audiences.”

Nakamatsu will perform at 7 p.m., September 11, 2016 in the McAfee Theater, Saratoga. Currently, season subscriptions are being sold at [www.steinwaysociety.com](http://www.steinwaysociety.com). Individual tickets will be available after August 1, 2016.

All the artists scheduled for the 2016-17 season are exceptionally well respected on the international stage, and selected for their commanding artistry, exhilarating musicianship and interpretive excellence. The full schedule includes:

- **Jon Nakamatsu** (Sunday, September 11, 2016 at 7:00pm)
- **Jongdo An** (Saturday, October 15, 2016 at 7:30pm) -- South Korean pianist An was first prize winner at the Long-Thibaud-Crespin International Piano Competition 2012 in Paris (Concert with Orchestre Philharmonique de Radio France) and at the Prix SAS le Prince Albert II de Monaco.
- **Vyacheslav Gryaznov** (Saturday, November 12, 2016 at 7:30pm) -- Russian classical pianist, transcriber and composer, Gryaznov is assistant professor at the Moscow Conservatory, and won the Rubinstein International (Moscow) and the Italian “To the Memory of Rachmaninov” Competitions.
- **Klara Frei and Temirzhan Yerzhanov** (Saturday, January 21, 2017 at 7:30pm) -- Frei and Yerzhanov, both graduates of the Moscow Tchaikovsky Conservatory and concert pianists on the international stage, have delighted audiences around the globe with their artistry. They reside in the Bay Area, where they co-founded Gradus ad Parnassum Music Studio.
- **Alessio Bax** (Sunday, February 5, 2017 at 2:00pm) -- First Prize winner at the Leeds and Hamamatsu international piano competitions—and a 2009 Avery Fisher Career Grant recipient—Bax has appeared as soloist with more than 100 orchestras and toured with violinist Joshua Bell.
- **Boris Giltburg** (Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 7:30pm) Israeli pianist Giltburg won the Queen Elisabeth Competition (Brussels) and took second place at the Arthur Rubinstein International Piano Master Competition in 2011. He has appeared with leading orchestras including the London Philharmonic and St. Petersburg Philharmonic, and performed at the BBC Proms.

- **Beatrice Rana** (Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 7:30pm) – Awarded the Silver (2nd Prize) and the Audience Award at the 2013 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, Rana had already attracted international attention in 2011 when she won 1st Prize at the Montreal International Competition.
- **Sofya Gulyak** (Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 2pm) -- Her shimmering 2015 Steinway Society recital left patrons eager for more, and we are delighted that she is able to return in 2017. Ms. Gulyak won the 16th Leeds International Piano Competition (2009), became, and remains, the only woman awarded the First Prize and the Princess Mary Gold Medal.

All performances in the 2016-17 season, with the exception of the season-opening concert with Jon Nakamatsu, will be held at the recently renovated Trianon Theatre in downtown San Jose, CA. This beautiful facility is a welcoming and comfortable venue that offers free parking on Saturdays and Sundays at the City of San Jose parking garage across the street.

**TICKETS/INFO:**

Full Season Subscriptions (8 concerts) range from \$225 to \$360

Mini Series Subscription (4 concerts) range from \$125 to \$200

Single Tickets: \$40-\$60. Senior/Student Discounts Available [www.steinwaysociety.com](http://www.steinwaysociety.com) or (408) 990-0872

About Us: **Steinway Society - The Bay Area** is a non-profit organization, based in Silicon Valley. Now entering its 22nd season, this dedicated group of musicians, pianists, teachers and arts lovers promotes excellence in piano performance and music education. Each season, Steinway Society presents a series of classical piano concerts featuring international award-winning pianists, and works with students and school leaders to bring musical performances to the schools.

For more information on Season Subscriptions, the artists, and Steinway Society, go to [www.SteinwaySociety.com](http://www.SteinwaySociety.com)