

Internationally Renowned Pianist Jon Nakamatsu Launches Steinway Society - The Bay Area 22nd Season

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Internationally acclaimed pianist Jan Nakamatsu, Gold Medalist at the Tenth Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, leads off the 22nd Season for Steinway Society - The Bay Area, 7p.m., September 11, 2016 in the McAfee Theater, Saratoga.

"Jon Nakamatsu plays with the calm assurance that comes of having both a solid technique and a gentle, introspective, interpretive spirit." Allan Kozinn, The New York Times

WHO: Steinway Society - The Bay Area presents concert pianist Jon Nakamatsu
WHAT: Classical Piano Recital
WHEN: Sunday, September 11, 2016 at 7:00pm
WHERE: McAfee Performing Arts and Lecture Center, 20300 Herriman Ave, Saratoga, CA 95070

PROGRAM:

- MOZART Sonata No. 13 in B-flat Major, K. 333 "Linz"
- BRAHMS Sonata No. 3 in F minor, Opus 5
- SCHUMANN Papillons, Op. 2
- CHOPIN
Scherzo in C-sharp minor, Op. 39
Nocturne in F-sharp Major, Op. 15, No. 2
Polonaise in A-flat Major, Op. 53

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

SEASON SUBSCRIPTION TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE: Full Season Subscriptions (8 concerts) range from \$225 to \$360. Mini Series Subscriptions (4 concerts) range from \$125 to \$200

More information: Jon Nakamatsu grew up in San Jose and graduated from Stanford University; his wife teaches at Saratoga High School. Though his busy touring schedule often keeps him away, he is immensely popular with Bay Area audiences. A true aristocrat of the keyboard, whose playing combines elegance, clarity, and electrifying power, Nakamatsu is noted for his deeply probing and illuminating musicality, as well as his quietly charismatic performing style.

Nakamatsu came to international attention in 1997 when he was awarded the Gold Medal at the Tenth Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, the only American to win the Competition since 1981. Since his dramatic Van Cliburn Gold Medal triumph, he has become a favorite throughout the world both on the concert circuit and in the recording studio. He has performed widely in North and South America, Europe, and the Far East and has collaborated with such conductors as Michael Tilson Thomas, James Conlon, Philippe Entremont, Marek Janowski, Raymond Leppard, and Stanislaw Skrowaczewski.

His extensive recital tours throughout the United States and Europe have featured appearances at Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center in New York City, at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., The White House, and in Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Paris, London and Milan.

Nakamatsu records exclusively for harmonia mundi USA, which has released thirteen of his CDs. His all-Gershwin recording with Jeff Tyzik and the Rochester Philharmonic featuring *Rhapsody in Blue* and the *Concerto in F* rose to number three on Billboard's music charts, earning extraordinary critical praise. More at www.jonnakamatsu.com.

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