

## Van Cliburn Finalist Fei-Fei Dong to Perform in San Jose

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Pianist Fei-Fei Dong, a finalist in the 14th Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, and winner of Juilliard's 33rd Annual William Petschek Piano Recital Award will appear in concert October 15, 2016 at Trianon Theatre, San Jose, CA

*"The evening's highlight, an excellent performance of the popular Edvard Grieg Piano Concerto in A Minor, Op. 16, featured the young and remarkably talented Fei-Fei Dong as soloist...performed by Dong with steely precision and poised expression."*  
—Robert Rollin, *ClevelandClassical.com*

**WHO:** Steinway Society - The Bay Area presents concert pianist Fei-Fei Dong

**WHAT:** Classical Piano Recital

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 15, 2016 at 7:30pm Pre-Concert Lecture at 6:45

**WHERE:** Trianon Theatre, San Jose

### PROGRAM:

- **BALDASSARI GALUPPI**      **Sonata in C Major, T. 27**
- **ROBERT SCHUMANN**      **Papillons, Op. 2**
- **LOWELL LIEBERMANN**      **Gargoyles, Op. 29**
- **FRANZ LISZT**              **Sonata in B Minor, S. 178**

**TICKETS/INFO:** Single Tickets: \$40-\$60. Senior/Student Discounts Available  
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SEASON SUBSCRIPTION TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE: Full Season Subscriptions (8 concerts) range from \$225 to \$360 (a 20-25% discount). Mini Series Subscriptions (4 concerts) range from \$125 to \$200 (a 10-20% discount).

**More information:** Chinese pianist Fei-Fei Dong, praised for her "natural musicality and beauty of tone" (Cincinnati Enquirer), and featured in the Cliburn Film, "Virtuosity", landed among the top finalists of the 2013 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. Her inaugural season as a Cliburn winner includes debuts with the Corpus Christi and Big Spring symphony orchestras with John Giordano and recital appearances across the United States. An active chamber musician, Ms. Dong made her trio debut at The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. in February 2014 as part of its Conservatory Project.

Born in Shenzhen, Ms. Dong became interested in the piano when her older sister started taking lessons. She began her piano lessons at the age of five, and her early repertoire included Chinese folk songs and Western classics. Ms. Dong gave her first recital at age 10 and made her orchestra debut three years later, performing Rachmaninoff's Third Concerto with the Macau Youth Symphony Orchestra. She has since appeared with the Aspen Music Festival, Hong Kong, Juilliard, Shanxi, and Shenzhen symphony orchestras. Ms. Dong has made debuts in Alice Tully Hall, Warsaw Philharmonic Concert Hall, and the Louvre Auditorium, and has been featured multiple times on New York's WQXR radio.

Ms. Dong moved to New York to study at Juilliard, earning her bachelor of music degree and her master's degree under the guidance of Dr. Yoheved Kaplinsky, chair of Juilliard's piano department and artistic director of Juilliard's Pre-College Division. She was two-time winner of the Juilliard Bachauer Piano Competition in 2012 and 2013.

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