

Newly Named Cliburn Gold Medalist Comes to Bay Area October 8

28 year old Yekwon Sunwoo from South Korea Presented by Steinway Society – The Bay Area

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Yekwon Sunwoo, the 28-year-old South Korean concert pianist named Gold Medalist in the 15th Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, will perform a recital in Silicon Valley on October 8, 2017 by Steinway Society – The Bay Area. Individual tickets will go on sale mid-July, but tickets are now available within Season Subscriptions. Media requests for reviewer tickets are being accepted now at marketing@steinwaysociety.com.

WHO: Newly-named Cliburn Gold Medalist Yekwon Sunwoo

WHAT: Classical Piano Recital

WHEN: Sunday, October 8, 2:30 p.m.

WHERE McAfee Theater, Saratoga, CA

PROGRAM: to come

TICKETS/INFO: Single Tickets: \$40-\$60. Senior/Student Discounts Available
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More information: Yekwon Sunwoo, who was awarded the Gold Medal at the 15th Van Cliburn International Piano Competition on June 10, 2017, will perform at Silicon Valley's McAfee Theater, in Saratoga, CA, presented by Steinway Society The Bay Area.

Sunwoo, the first South Korean to win the Cliburn, earned his bachelor's degree at the Curtis Institute of Music and his master's at The Juilliard School. He also studied with Richard Goode at the Mannes School of Music and currently studies under Bernd Goetzke in Hannover.

No newcomer to the international stage, Yekwon Sunwoo won first prizes at the 2015 International German Piano Award in Frankfurt, the 2014 Verbier Festival, the 2013 Sendai International Music Competition, and the 2012 William Kapell International Piano Competition.

The newly-minted Gold Medalist has performed with the Juilliard Orchestra under Itzhak Perlman at Avery Fisher Hall, with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra under Marin Alsop, the Houston Symphony Orchestra, National Orchestra of Belgium, Sendai Philharmonic Orchestra,

and others. He has given recitals at Carnegie Hall, Tokyo's Hamarikyu Asahi Hall, London's Wigmore Hall, Radio France and Salle Cortot in Paris, and Kumho Art Hall in Seoul.

Sunwoo has been featured on WQXR's McGraw-Hill Young Artists Showcase, and performed chamber music for the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, with Ida Kavafian and Peter Wiley and with Roberto Diaz on the Bay Chamber Concerts.

Steinway Society – The Bay Area is proud to be a presenter organization for The Cliburn, and is among the pre-scheduled US and international concerts that are part of the Gold Medal. The prize also includes three years ongoing career management and mentorship.

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