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**VALERY GERGIEV AND THE MARIINSKY ORCHESTRA  
PERFORM TWO PROGRAMS OF RUSSIAN MUSIC  
IN DAVIES SYMPHONY HALL MARCH 21 AND 22**

**Pianist Denis Matsuev is soloist in Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 3 March 22**

**WHAT:** Conductor [Valery Gergiev](#) conducts the [Mariinsky Orchestra](#) in two programs of Russian music March 21 and 22, including Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 3 featuring Denis Matsuev and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5. The Orchestra will perform Shostakovich's Symphony No. 15, which appears on one of its 2009 Grammy-nominated recordings. The Mariinsky Orchestra (formerly Kirov Orchestra), will also perform excerpts from Prokofiev's *Cinderella* and *Romeo and Juliet* and Berlioz's Royal Hunt and Storm from *Les Troyens*. These are the Orchestra's first performances here since 2005.

Since his 1996 appointment as General Director, Valery Gergiev has led the Mariinsky Orchestra to universal acclaim with a diverse range of repertoire and inspiring performances. The Orchestra garnered five Grammy nominations for its 2009 Shostakovich recordings, and recently released a recording of Gergiev leading Matsuev and the Mariinsky Orchestra in Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 3. BBC Music Magazine lauded its recording of Shostakovich's *The Nose* as the best disc of the month.

Russian-born pianist [Denis Matsuev](#) will make his San Francisco debut on March 22 with the Mariinsky Orchestra, performing the demanding Piano Concerto No. 3 by Rachmaninoff. Matsuev captured first place at the 11<sup>th</sup> International Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow in 1998. He has served as the Artistic Director for the Sergei Rachmaninoff Foundation, and was chosen by the foundation to perform and record unknown pieces by Rachmaninoff, using the composer's own piano. He has appeared with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra, BBC Symphony Orchestra, and Orchestre Philharmonique de Radio France.

**WHO:** [Valery Gergiev](#), conductor  
[Denis Matsuev](#), piano  
[Mariinsky Orchestra](#)

**PROGRAM: March 21:**  
Prokofiev / Selections from *Cinderella*, Opus 87  
Introduction  
*The Shaw Dance*  
*The Sisters Dress for the Ball*  
*Winter Fairy*  
Mazurka  
*Cinderella's Arrival at the Ball*  
*The Stepsisters' Dance*  
Pas de deux of the Prince and Cinderella  
Waltz-Coda

Prokofiev/ Three Pieces from *Romeo and Juliet*, Opus 64bis and 64ter  
*The Montagues and the Capulets*  
*Masks*  
*The Death of Tybalt*  
Tchaikovsky / Symphony No. 5 in E minor, Opus 64

**March 22:**

Berlioz / Royal Hunt and Storm from Act IV of *Les Troyens*  
Rachmaninoff / Piano Concerto No. 3 in D minor, Opus 30  
Shostakovich / Symphony No. 15 in A major, Opus 141

**WHEN:** Sunday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m.  
Monday, March 22 at 8:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Davies Symphony Hall, 201 Van Ness Ave, San Francisco

**TICKETS:** \$15–\$100; tickets are available at [sfsymphony.org](http://sfsymphony.org), by phone at 415-864-6000, and at the Davies Symphony Hall Box Office, on Grove Street between Van Ness Avenue and Franklin Street in San Francisco.

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