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**SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY'S GREAT PERFORMERS SERIES PRESENTS PIANISTS GEORGE LI
AND DANIIL TRIFONOV IN SOLO RECITALS OCTOBER 8 & 30**

**George Li performs works from his new album "Live at the Mariinsky" and Beethoven's Piano Sonata
No. 23 in F minor, *Appassionata* this Sunday, October 8**

**Daniil Trifonov's season-long residency begins with a Chopin-inspired solo recital featuring selections
from his new album "Chopin Evocations" Monday, October 30**

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—This Sunday, the San Francisco Symphony's (SFS) 2017–18 season Great Performers Series kicks off with dynamic young pianist [George Li](#) performing a solo recital which includes selections from his new album "[Live at the Mariinsky](#)," including Liszt's *Consolation No. 3 in D-flat major* and *Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2 in C-sharp minor*, Haydn's *Piano Sonata in B minor*, and Rachmaninoff's *Variations on a Theme of Corelli*. Additionally, the program features Beethoven's *Piano Sonata No. 23 in F minor, Appassionata*. October is a month of many firsts for George Li—"Live at the Mariinsky," to be released October 6, is Li's debut album with the Warner Classics label to which he was recently signed, and San Francisco's Davies Symphony Hall is the first stop on an eight-city tour to promote this album. Li's recital marks his Great Performers Series debut.

George Li gave his first public performance at Boston's Steinway Hall at the age of ten and in 2011, performed for President Obama at the White House in an evening honoring Chancellor Angela Merkel. He is the First Prize winner of the 2010 Young Concert Artists International Auditions and a recipient of the 2012 Gilmore Young Artist Award. Li won the Silver Medal at the 2015 International Tchaikovsky Competition and was the recipient of the 2016 Avery Fisher Career Grant. He is currently in the Harvard University/New England Conservatory joint program, studying with Wha Kyung Byun.

On **October 30**, Russian pianist [Daniil Trifonov](#) launches a varied season-long residency with a solo recital performing works from his new album "[Chopin Evocations](#)," including **Chopin's Piano Sonata No. 2 in B-flat minor** and **Variations on "Là ci darem la mano"** from **Mozart's Don Giovanni, Opus 2**, **Variations on a Theme of Chopin** by **Rachmaninoff** and **Mompou**, **Tchaikovsky's Un poco di Chopin**, **Schumann's Chopin from Carnival**, **Grieg's Hommage à Chopin from Moods**, and **Barber's Nocturne (Hommage to John Field)**. "Chopin Evocations" will be released on October 6 and is Trifonov's fourth album as an exclusive Deutsche Grammophon artist. The album celebrates Chopin's power to move and his influence upon other great composers including Schumann, Tchaikovsky, Grieg, Barber and Mompou. Trifonov returns on February 27 to give a duo recital with his teacher and mentor Sergei Babayan, performing works by Schumann, Schubert and Rachmaninoff. June 21–24, Trifonov wraps up his residency performing Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 3 with Michael Tilson Thomas and the San Francisco Symphony.

Since winning First Prize at both the Tchaikovsky and Rubinstein competitions in 2011 at the age of 20, Daniil Trifonov has made a spectacular ascent in the world of classical music as a solo artist, champion of the concerto repertoire, chamber musician, and composer. He was awarded the prestigious Franco Abbiati Prize for Best Instrumental Soloist In 2013 and is the winner of *Gramophone's* 2016 Artist of the Year award. *The Times* (UK) calls Trifonov "without question the most astounding pianist of our age."

Calendar editors, please note:

Concerts take place at Davies Symphony Hall, located at 201 Van Ness Ave, San Francisco.

Pre-Order Food and Drinks: Concertgoers may pre-order drinks and snacks [here](#) by 11am the day of a performance to arrange to have them ready at Davies Symphony Hall either before the concert or at intermission.

Tickets are available at 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.

GEORGE LI in RECITAL

➤ *Great Performers Series*

[Sunday, October 8, 2017 at 7:30 pm](#)

[George Li](#) piano

HAYDN	Piano Sonata in B minor, Hob.XVI: 32
BEETHOVEN	Piano Sonata No. 23 in F minor, Opus 57, <i>Appassionata</i>
RACHMANINOFF	Variations on a Theme of Corelli, Opus 42
LISZT	<i>Consolation</i> No. 3 in D-flat major
LISZT	Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2 in C-sharp minor

Tickets: \$15–99

CD Signing: George Li will sign CDs in the Symphony Store immediately following the performance.

DANIIL TRIFONOV in RECITAL

➤ *Great Performers Series*

[Monday, October 30, 2017 at 8 pm](#)

[Daniil Trifonov](#) piano

MOMPOU	Variations on a Theme of Chopin
SCHUMANN	<i>Chopin from Carnival</i> , Opus 9
GRIEG	<i>Hommage à Chopin from Moods</i> , Opus 73
BARBER	Nocturne (<i>Hommage to John Field</i>), Opus 33
TCHAIKOVSKY	<i>Un poco di Chopin</i> , Opus 72, no.15
RACHMANINOFF	Variations on a Theme of Chopin, Opus 22

CHOPIN
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Variations on "*Là ci darem la mano*" from Mozart's *Don Giovanni*, Opus 2
Piano Sonata No. 2 in B-flat minor, Opus 35

Tickets: \$16–105

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