

NIKOLAI SARATOVSKY

Nikolai Saratovsky is an internationally acclaimed Russian concert pianist, said by many in the classical world to be having a "stellar career".

He has won a number of major international piano competitions and has an extraordinary repertoire, ranging from Bach to the latest contemporary composers.

He has performed solo and with orchestras in 24 world capitals across the globe including New Zealand, Belgium, Luxembourg, USA, Portugal, Spain, Taiwan, Japan and Russia.

In 2015 Saratovsky became a member of the International Certificate for Piano Artists program (ICPA) based in Brussels. His talent for educating a growing generation of young musicians gives him the opportunity to give master classes in Japan, Russia, USA, Canada, Luxembourg and Taiwan. He studied at the Moscow State Conservatory with Professor Elena Richter graduating with the Award for Academic Excellence and a Masters degree and has gone on to win many awards for his musical accomplishments.

Since February 2020, Nikolai Saratovsky has held the position of Professor in the prestigious Music Department at the National Taipei University of Education, Taiwan.

He comes to New Zealand at the invitation of Mary Gow and Mulled Wine Concerts (www.mulledwineconcerts.com). Details of the additional concerts he will be playing in New Zealand this trip may be obtained from Mary Gow marygow@gmail.com.

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This concert is devoted to the memory of Stephen Alexander Collins (15/01/53 - 01/02/24) - born in Wellington, an extraordinary pianist and music educator, music director and long standing friend and music collaborator in Belgium of Mary Gow.

PROGRAMME

Sonata K 380 in E minor

Sonata K 87 in B minor

D. Scarlatti (1685 – 1757)

Preludes, Op. 28 1-12

F. Chopin (1810 – 1849)

Piano Pieces, Op. 76

J. Brahms (1833 – 1897)

1. Capriccio: Un poco agitato
2. Capriccio: Allegretto non troppo
3. Intermezzo: Grazioso
4. Intermezzo: Allegretto grazioso
5. Capriccio: Agitato, ma non troppo presto

INTERVAL

Preludes from Books 1 and 2

C. Debussy (1862 – 1918)

Book 1

2. Voiles: modéré

5. Les collines d'Anacapri: Très modéré

6. Des pas sur la neige: Triste et lent

8. La fille aux cheveux de lin: Très calme et doucement expressif

Book 2

3. La puerta del vino: Mouvement de Habanera

8. Ondine: Scherzando

Moments Musicaux Op. 16

S. Rachmaninoff (1873 – 1943)

1. Andantino: B flat minor

2. Allegro: E flat minor

3. Andante cantabile: B minor

4. Presto: E minor