

BORIS GILTBURG

Piano

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2023 | 7:30 P.M.
CASPARY AUDITORIUM

PROGRAM

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

Sonata No. 30 in E Major, Op. 109

Vivace, ma non troppo - Adagio espressivo

Prestissimo

Andante molto cantabile ed espressione (with variations)

I. *Molto espressivo*

II. *Leggieramente*

III. *Allegro vivace*

IV. *Un poco meno andante*

V. *Allegro ma non troppo*

VI. *Tempo primo del tema*

Sonata No. 31 in A-flat Major, Op. 110

Moderato cantabile, molto espressivo

Allegro molto

Adagio ma non troppo - Allegro ma non troppo (Fuga)

INTERMISSION

(15 minutes)

Sergey Rachmaninoff (1873-1943)

Preludes, Op. 32

Allegro vivace

Allegretto

Allegro vivace

Allegro con brio

Moderato

Allegro appassionato

Moderato

Vivo

Allegro moderato

Lento

Allegretto

Allegro

Grave

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Boris Gilburg appears by arrangement with Arts Management Group, Inc.

FEATURING

Boris Giltburg

Moscow-born, Israeli pianist **Boris Giltburg** is lauded across the globe as a deeply sensitive, insightful, and compelling interpreter. Critics have praised his “singing line, variety of touch and broad dynamic palette capable of great surges of energy” (*Washington Post*) as well as his impassioned, narrative-driven approach to performance. At home in a broad range of repertoire, in recent years he has been increasingly recognized as a leading interpreter of Rachmaninoff.

To celebrate the 250th birthday of Ludwig van Beethoven, Mr. Giltburg embarked upon a unique project to record and film all 32 of Beethoven’s piano sonatas across the year, blogging about the process as it unfolded. The cycle combines the high production values of a studio recording with the immediacy of a live performance, resulting in a uniquely fresh and personal take on these pillars of repertoire. Mr. Giltburg’s intense focus on Beethoven extended to the stage platform, as he performed the last four sonatas throughout the 20/21 season.

He regularly plays recitals in the world’s most prestigious halls, notably the Amsterdam Concertgebouw, Carnegie Hall, Hamburg Elbphilharmonie, London Southbank Centre, Tokyo Toppan Hall, and Wiener Konzerthaus, among many others. Since 2021, he has played the complete solo works of Ravel at Wigmore Hall and in Brussels at BOZAR and Flagey, also performing part of the cycle at the Amsterdam Muziekgebouw. Collaborations with major conductors and orchestras worldwide include the Philharmonia Orchestra, London Philharmonic, Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie, Oslo Philharmonic, Israel Philharmonic, Baltimore and Seattle symphonies, and the BBC Proms, among others.

Mr. Giltburg feels a strong need to engage audiences beyond the concert hall. His blog “Classical Music For All” is aimed at a non-specialist audience, and he complements it with articles in publications such as *Gramophone*, *BBC Music Magazine*, *Guardian*, *Times*, and *Fono Forum*. During the lockdown period in spring 2020, Giltburg regularly streamed live performances and masterclasses from home; to this date, these streams received more than 1 million views.

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The university's laboratory-based structure encourages collaborations between disciplines and empowers faculty members to take on high-risk, high-reward projects. No formal departments exist, bureaucracy is kept to a minimum, and scientists are given resources, support, and unparalleled freedom to follow the science wherever it leads.

The Rockefeller University Community

- 70 heads of laboratory
- 200 research scientists
- 210 postdoctoral investigators
- 270 Ph.D. and M.D.-Ph.D. students
- 1,395 alumni
- 1,325 support staff

Acclaimed Scientists

In the course of Rockefeller's history, 26 of its scientists have been awarded the Nobel Prize, including 7 in the last 23 years alone; 25 have received the Albert Lasker Medical Research Award; and 20 have garnered the National Medal of Science, the nation's highest scientific honor.

At Present, the Scientific Staff at Rockefeller Includes

- 5 Nobel laureates
- 7 recipients of the Albert Lasker Medical Research Award
- 34 members of the National Academy of Sciences
- 4 recipients of MacArthur Fellowships
- 3 recipients of the National Medal of Science

Some Clinical Concerns under Study

- Aging
- Alcoholism and drug addiction
- Alzheimer's disease
- Antibiotic resistance
- Autism
- Cancer
- COVID-19
- Diabetes
- Heart disease and stroke
- Hepatitis
- HIV/AIDS
- Multiple sclerosis
- Obesity, nutrition, and weight loss
- Parkinson's disease
- Skin diseases
- Vaccine development
- Vision and hearing disorders

The Rockefeller University Hospital

Established in 1910, The Rockefeller University Hospital was the first hospital in the nation dedicated exclusively to patient-oriented investigations. Patients at the hospital are participants in clinical studies that build on basic research findings from Rockefeller laboratories. This allows the university to maintain an unbroken spectrum of research, from basic to clinical.

Groundbreaking Accomplishments

Among the pioneering discoveries at Rockefeller are many seminal advances that have transformed science and reduced human suffering. Scientists at Rockefeller:

- Discovered that DNA is the basic material of heredity
- Developed the influenza vaccine and vaccines against meningitis
- Determined that cancer can be caused by a virus
- Discovered blood groups and ways to preserve whole blood
- Isolated and first successfully tested natural antibiotics
- Developed methadone maintenance therapy for people addicted to heroin
- Developed the AIDS "cocktail" drug therapy
- Showed that an adult brain of a higher species can form new nerve cells
- Discovered an obesity gene and the weight-regulating hormone leptin
- Discovered the dendritic cell, a key regulator of the immune system
- Discovered the molecular mechanisms controlling circadian rhythm
- Developed assays that paved the way for drugs that cure hepatitis C

An Exceptional Place to Learn

Rockefeller's Ph.D. program offers training in the biomedical and physical sciences. With neighboring Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and Weill Cornell Medicine, the university also offers one of the nation's top M.D.-Ph.D. programs. In addition, Rockefeller provides intensive postgraduate training. At any one time, more than 200 postdoctoral investigators conduct research in university laboratories. Rockefeller's acclaimed Clinical Scholars Program, a three-year master's degree program, provides a unique opportunity for recent M.D. or M.D.-Ph.D. recipients to begin careers in patient-oriented research. Working with senior faculty members, clinical scholars develop and implement translational research studies at The Rockefeller University Hospital.

Infrastructure that Fosters Collaboration and Interaction

Rockefeller invented the modern bioscience institute, and has spent the past 120 years perfecting it. The university's beautifully landscaped 16-acre campus includes nine research buildings containing roughly 500,000 square feet of lab space, where investigators employ the latest technology to answer the most challenging questions in their fields. The Stavros Niarchos Foundation–David Rockefeller River Campus, which opened in 2019 and features the Marie-Josée and Henry R. Kravis Research Building, provides a number of new amenities, including additional cutting-edge lab space, a river view dining commons, academic and conference centers, and magnificent rooftop gardens.

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