# Vadym Kholodenko

Piano

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025 | 7:30 P.M. CASPARY AUDITORIUM

### **Program**

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)
Sonata in B-flat Major, Op. 106 "Hammerklavier"
Allegro
Scherzo: Assai vivace
Adagio sostenuto. Appassionato e con molto sentimento
Largo - Allegro risoluto

INTERMISSION

(15 minutes)

Boris Lyatoshinsky (1895-1968)

Three Preludes, Op. 38

No. 1 in B-flat Major: Andante sostenuto No. 2 in E-flat Major: Lento tenebroso

No. 3 in F-sharp Minor: Moderato con moto e sempre ben ritmico

Franz Liszt (1811-1886)

From Six Études d'exécution transcendante d'après Paganini, S. 140 (original version)

No. 1 in G Minor: "Tremolo": Andante non troppo e lento cantabile

No. 3 in A-flat Minor: "La campanella": Allegro moderato

No. 5 in E Major: "La chasse": Allegretto

#### Liszt

Scherzo und Marsch, S. 177
Allegro vivace, spiritoso
Allegro moderato, marziale
Allegro vivace, spiritoso
Stretta
Molto piu animato, quasi Presto

# **Featuring**

# Vadym Kholodenko, piano

Combining fierce pianism, an exceptional range of repertoire, and remarkable interpretative depth, **Vadym Kholodenko** rises as an artist the likes of which the world has rarely seen since the great pianists of the Golden Age.

Gold Medalist of the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition (2013), Mr. Kholodenko's distinguished pianism and profound artistic gifts have led to invitations from many of the world's finest orchestras and concert halls.

Concerto highlights include those with leading orchestras of North America, including the Atlanta Symphony, Cincinnati Symphony, Indianapolis Symphony, and the Philadelphia Orchestra. He has performed in Europe with the Budapest Festival Orchestra, Danish National Symphony Orchestra, Filarmonica della Scala, London Philharmonic, and the Vienna Symphony Orchestra. During his trips to Asia and the Far East, he has appeared with the National Symphony Orchestra of Taiwan, Sydney Symphony Orchestra, and the Tokyo Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra. In recent seasons, he has held the position of Artist-in-Residence with the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra (Texas, USA), the SWR Symphonieorchester (Stuttgart, Germany), and, in 2025, made his debut at London's BBC Proms.

In recital, Mr. Kholodenko appears on the world's leading stages – from London, Paris, and Vienna, to Boston, Chicago, and New York. He is also a thoughtful and committed chamber musician, enjoying rewarding collaborations with an array of artists, such as Clara Jumi-Kang, Anastasia Kobekina, Vadim Repin, and the Belcea and Jerusalem string quartets.

Born in Kyiv, Ukraine, Mr. Kholodenko took his first piano lessons at the age of six and began touring internationally at thirteen years old. He was educated at the Kyiv Lysenko State Music Lyceum and the Moscow State Tchaikovsky Conservatoire, under the renowned pedagogues Natalia Gridneva, Borys Fedorov, and Vera Gornostaeva. In addition to receiving the Gold Medal at the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, he won First Prize at the Sendai International Piano Competition (2010) and Schubert International Piano Competition (2011). He is now a resident of Luxembourg.

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In 2026, Rockefeller University will commemorate 125 years of advancing science for the benefit of humanity. This is a milestone for the university community, as well as a landmark occasion for the global scientific enterprise. In conjunction with the 125th anniversary, Rockefeller will also mark 70 years of the David Rockefeller Graduate Program. Discover 125 is a celebration of these two notable anniversaries.

### The Rockefeller University Community

- 72 heads of laboratory
- 200 research scientists
- 210 postdoctoral investigators
- 270 Ph.D. and M.D.-Ph.D. students
- 1,512 alumni
- 1,325 support staff

#### **Acclaimed Scientists**

In the course of Rockefeller's history, 26 of its scientists have been awarded the Nobel Prize; 26 have received a Lasker Award; and 20 have garnered the National Medal of Science, the nation's highest scientific honor.

### At Present, the Faculty at Rockefeller Includes

- 5 Nobel laureates
- 7 recipients of Lasker Awards
- 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
- Alzheimer's disease
- Antibiotic resistance
- Arthritis
- Autoimmune disorders
- Autism
- Cancer
- Covid-19
- Diabetes

- Heart disease and stroke
- Hepatitis
- HIV/AIDS
- Obesity, nutrition, and weight loss
- Parkinson's disease
- Skin diseases
- Tuberculosis
- 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 chemical of heredity
- Developed vaccines against meningitis and pneumococcal pneumonia
- Determined that cancer can be caused by a virus
- Discovered blood groups, improving the safety of blood transfusions
- Isolated and first successfully tested natural antibiotics
- Developed methadone maintenance to treat opioid addiction
- Developed the combination drug therapy for treatment of AIDS
- 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
- Identified the molecular mechanisms controlling circadian rhythm
- Developed assays that paved the way for drugs that cure hepatitis C
  Discovered GLP-1, the basis of revolutionary weight-loss drugs

### 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 124 years perfecting it. The university's beautifully landscaped 16-acre campus includes nine research buildings containing roughly 500,000 square feet of laboratory 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 state-of-the-art laboratory space, a river view dining commons, academic and conference centers, and magnificent rooftop gardens.

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