PIANO WEEKEND WITH ANDREY PONOCHEVNY

Oct. 28 at 7:30 p.m.

WATSON HALL

Andrey Ponochevny PIANO

PRESENTED BY

Brian Cole CHANCELLOR

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Six moments musicaux, D. 780 (Op. 94) (1823-28)..... Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

> Moderato in C Major Andantino in A-flat Major Allegro moderato in F Minor Moderato in C-sharp Minor Allegro vivace in F Minor Allegretto in A-flat Major

Sonata No. 3 in B Minor, Op. 58 (1844)..... Frédéric Chopin (1810-1849)

> Allegro maestoso Scherzo: Molto vivace Largo Finale. Presto non tanto

INTERMISSION

Sonata No. 1 in D Minor, Op. 28 (1908)Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943)

Allegro moderato Lento Allegro molto

BIOGRAPHY

ANDREY PONOCHEVNY

Andrey Ponochevny's career has encompassed the globe as a preeminent talent among performing artists today. Cleveland's The Plain Dealer has written, "His performance seized attention from first note to last." Additionally, The Washington Post describes his playing as "with power and finesse that brought the audience to its feet in a long-standing ovation."

Ponochevny received prizes at many international piano competitions including the bronze medal at the Tchaikovsky International Competition in Moscow, first prize at the William Kapell International Piano Competition in Maryland and first prizes at the Tomassoni International Piano Competition in Cologne. His other competition accolades include awards at international competitions in Prague, Warsaw, Dublin, Hong Kong, Riga and New Orleans.

In the concert hall, Ponochevny has garnered equal success, having performed extensively in North and South America, Europe and Asia. He has given solo recitals at major venues including Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall in New York City, The Kennedy Center and Phillips Collection in Washington, DC, Preston Bradley Hall in Chicago and Cleveland Institute of Music, Beethovenhalle in Bonn, Philharmonie in Cologne, City Hall in Hong Kong, Palacio de Festivales de Cantabria in Santander, Salle Alfred Cortot in Paris, National Philharmonic Hall in Warsaw, Stadtcasino in Basel and Grand Opera Hall in Harbin.

Ponochevny's appearances with orchestras include performances with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Louisiana Philharmonic, Des Moines Symphony, Irving Symphony, Plano Symphony, Belarusian State Chamber Orchestra, East Texas Symphony, Rogue Valley Symphony, Illinois Symphony, Nashua Symphony, Warsaw Philharmonic, Wuhan Philharmonic, Tianjin Symphony, Xinjiang Philharmonic, Belarusian State Symphony and Orquestra Filarmonica del Municipio de Guayaquil.

His concerts have been broadcast on WGBH Boston, WQXR New York, WFMT Chicago, WDR Cologne in Germany, Kultura Minsk in Belarus, SIRTVS Ljubljana in Slovenia, ROROR Bucharest in Romania, AUABC Adelaide in Australia and DKDR Copenhagen in Denmark.

Ponochevny has performed at many prestigious festivals including the Ruhr Klavier Festival and International Ludwigsburg Festival in Germany, Serie de los Nuevos Virtuosos, Puerto Rico, Bravissimo Festival Guatemala City, IKIF in New York City, Changchun International Festival in China, PianoTexas in Fort Worth, Music in the Mountains in Durango and Lanzhou International Piano Festival in China.

BIOGRAPHIES

Among his numerous awards, he was twice named "Outstanding Artist in China" in 2009 and 2011 in addition to having been given the positions of "Honorable Professor" of Jilin College of Arts in China and "Visiting Professor" at Beihua University in China. In his hometown of Minsk, Belarus, he was awarded the title "Minskovite of the year" in 2002.

In addition to his concert career, Ponochevny teaches at the University of Dallas and is also artist-in-residence at Southern Methodist University.

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Ripe: Phyllis Pancella in Recital with Friends Old and New Oct. 31 at 7:30 p.m. WATSON HALL

Award-winning mezzo-soprano and faculty artist Phyllis Pancella will present a recital titled "Ripe," "with Friends Old and New," featuring favorite works from the baroque era to the current year. The evening will include the premiere of Kamala Sankaram's witty work for mezzo, bassoon and piano, "A Certain Age," featuring the whimsical and poignant poems of Judith Viorst ("Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day"), former U.S. Poet Laureate Kay Ryan and Dorothy Parker.

Adam Rapa, trumpet, with the UNCSA Wind & Jazz Ensemble Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m. STEVENS CENTER

Known for his eye-popping skills, versatility and excitement, "Adam Rapa plays with an intensity that electrifies the audience," said the Philadelphia Courier-Post. UNCSA, in collaboration with the Piedmont Wind Symphony, welcomes trumpet phenom Rapa as artist in residence, performing his own compositions with the UNCSA Wind and Jazz ensembles.