

Basic Detail Report

The Fryderyk Chopin Society of Connecticut
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2018-2019 concert series at the New Britain Museum of American Art

Fall 2018

❖ **Angelina Gadeliya** Sunday, September 23, 2018 at 3:00 pm

Praised for her "refined and exceptionally phrased and stylized" playing and her "rare ability to make music speak," pianist Angelina Gadeliya was born in Sukhumi, Georgia where she began her musical studies at the age of five and continued them in Ukraine until moving to the US in 1990. She subsequently studied at the Oberlin Conservatory, the Juilliard School, Mannes College, and holds a Doctorate from Stony Brook University.



❖ **Marta Menezes** Sunday, October 28, 2018 at 3:00pm

Marta Menezes is one of the most promising Portuguese pianists of her generation, 1st Prize winner of the Beethoven Competition at the Royal College of Music (London, 2013) and of the International Piano Competition, Nice - Côte D'Azur "Simone Delbert-Février" (2013). In 2014, she was awarded the Silver Medal of Honour and Distinction - "Medalha de Prata de Valor e Distinção" by the Polytechnic Institute of Lisbon.



❖ **Alan Walker** Sunday, November 11, 2018 at 3:00 pm

Alan Walker is Professor Emeritus at McMaster University. His masterpiece is a three volume biography of Liszt. Time magazine called it "a textured portrait of Liszt and his times without rival". Walker's work has "greater understanding and clarity than any previous biographer". At the event on November 11, Walker will introduce his new book on Chopin, which is set to be the definitive study of Chopin and his music.



Spring 2019

❖ **Ann Schein** Sunday, February 24, 2019 at 3:00

Ann Schein was cited in a special survey of outstanding Chopin recorded performances during the bicentennial of Chopin's birth. She was trained in her native United States, where she studied with both Mieczyslaw Munz and Arthur Rubinstein. Her first recordings, made when she was 18 and 19, established her as one of the premiere Chopin pianists of our time. "Thank heaven for Ann Schein... what a relief it is to hear a pianist who, with no muss or fuss, simply reaches right into the heart of whatever she is playing – and creates music so powerful you cannot tear yourself away". The Washington Post.



❖ **Marcio Bezerra + Estibaliz Gastesi** Sunday, March 24, 2019 at 3:00 pm

Internationally acclaimed Duo Gastesi-Bezerra has delighted audiences for over a decade with exciting programs of traditional and contemporary music for piano ensemble. Billed by the American Record Guide, as "a strong combination, playing very well together — often indistinguishable," pianists Estibaliz Gastesi and Márcio Bezerra are staunch supporters of new music. A native of the Basque Country, pianist Estibaliz Gastesi has performed throughout Europe and the United States. Brazilian pianist Márcio Bezerra has been performing often at several music halls in Brazil and the United States and is a distinguished Fulbright and CDMC scholar.



❖ **Ya-Fei Chuang** Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 3:00 pm

Ya-Fei Chuang has performed in major festivals around the world, including the Beethoven Festival (Warsaw) with Christoph Eschenbach, the European Music Festival (Stuttgart), Schleswig-Holstein, Bach (Leipzig), Oulu (Finland), Shannon (Ireland), Ravinia, Sarasota, Gilmore, Oregon, Tanglewood (USA), and at the Fromm Foundation concerts at Harvard. Her mastery of the most challenging solo repertoire is complemented by extensive activities as a chamber musician and duo partner with Steven Isserlis, Kim Kashkashian, and Robert Levin.





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