

Sunday
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2:00 pm

Pavilion

Kuok-Wai Lio

Piano



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There will be no intermission during this performance.

PROGRAM

- Arabeske, Op.18..... Robert Schumann (1810–1856)
Sonata, Op.57 ("Appassionata")..... Ludwig van Beethoven (1770–1827)
Sonata in G Major, D.894..... Franz Schubert (1797–1828)

Program is subject to change.

Please see your pre- and post-performance emails for program notes.

A graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music under Gary Graffman, pianist **Kuok-Wai Lio** is a recipient of the prestigious Avery Fisher Career Grant administered by Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, the Career Advancement Award given by the Musical Fund Society of Philadelphia, and he has received Scholarship Awards by the Macau Cultural Affairs Bureau and the Feltsman Piano Foundation.

Praised by the *Vancouver Sun* as a “musician’s musician,” the Macau-born pianist’s dedication, intelligence and artistic accomplishments have already earned him a splendid reputation in the classical music field. He has performed at venues such as the Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall, Tonhalle Zürich, Herkulesaal in Munich, Forbidden City Concert Hall in Beijing, Daiichi Semei Hall in Tokyo, Benjamin Franklin Hall at American Philosophical Society in Philadelphia, Terrace Theater at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and the Hong Kong Government House. He has given recitals at the Ravinia Festival, Gilmore Rising Stars, Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival, Amelia Island Music Festival, Philadelphia Chamber Music Society, The Golandsky Institute at Princeton University, Gina Bachauer International Piano Foundation, Kissinger Sommer, Klavier-Festival Ruhr, Fondazione William Walton at Giardini La Mortella, The Hong Kong Consular Corps, The Peggy Rockefeller Concert Series, Vancouver Recital Society, Hong Kong Arts Festival, the Foundation for Chinese Performing Arts in Boston and more. He was chosen to step in for the legendary pianist, Radu Lupu, for a recital at New York’s Town Hall to critical acclaim.

Kuok-Wai is currently a student of Stanislav Ioudenitch at the International Center for Music at Park University and a former student of Gabriel Kwok at The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, Peter Frankl and Boris Berman at the Yale University, and Jack Winerock at the University of Kansas. He was invited by Sir András Schiff to take part in many of his masterclasses in Europe and by Leon Fleisher to attend a mentorship program at Caramoor Rising Stars in upstate New York.

A frequent participant in the Marlboro Music Festival and Marlboro on Tour, Kuok-Wai has collaborated with musicians such as Kim Kashkashian, Pamela Frank, Harvey de Souza, Cho-Liang Lin, Marc Neikrug, Christoph Richter, Hsin-Yun Huang, and members of the Shanghai, Juilliard, Guarneri, Johannes, Dover and Emerson string quartets. At an anniversary celebration of Sándor Végh, founding member of the International Musicians Seminar in Prussia Cove, Kuok-Wai was chosen to take part in masterclasses and concerts at Wigmore Hall in London and the Salzburg Festival.

Since his concerto debut at the age of ten with the Macau Orchestra at the opening ceremony of the Macau Arts Festival in 2000, Kuok-Wai has performed with orchestras that include the China Philharmonic, Hong Kong Philharmonic, Camerata Salzburg, Kansas City Symphony Orchestra, Hangzhou Philharmonic Orchestra and the Houston Symphony Orchestra, and with conductors Li Xin-Cao, Edo de Waart, Francois Xavier-Roth and Michael Stern.

A top-prize winner in the International Tchaikovsky Competition for Young Musicians, Gina Bachauer International Young Artists Competition, Fulbright Concerto Competition, Chopin International Piano Competition in Asia, International Institute for Young Musicians Piano Competition, Ettlingen International Piano Competition, and the Steinway & Sons International Piano Competition, Kuok-Wai received the Título Honorífico de Valor (Honourific Title of Merit) given by the former Chief Executive of Macau, Ho Hau Wah. He was also invited to perform for Hu Jin Tao, then President of the People’s Republic of China; the late Stanley Ho; Tung Chee Wha, former Chief Executive of Hong Kong; and Prince Edward, the Duke of Kent.