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Concert Programme

This concert will be approximately 1 hour in duration, without an interval

Bach Suite No. 2 in A minor, BWV 807

- i. *Prelude*
- ii. *Allemande*
- iii. *Courante*
- iv. *Sarabande*
- v. *Bourrée I*
- vi. *Bourrée II*
- vii. *Gigue*

Mozart Rondo in D Major

Chopin Sonata in B Minor

- i. *Allegro maestoso*
 - ii. *Scherzo: Molto vivace*
 - iii. *Largo*
 - iv. *Finale: Presto non tanto*
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Dénes Várjon, piano

His sensational technique, deep musicality, wide range of interest have made **Dénes Várjon** one of the most exciting and highly regarded participants of international musical life. He is a universal musician: excellent soloist, first-class chamber musician, artistic leader of festivals, highly sought-after piano pedagogue.

Widely considered as one of the greatest chamber musicians, he works regularly with preeminent partners such as Steven Isserlis, Tabea Zimmermann, Jörg Widmann, Leonidas Kavakos, András Schiff and Joshua Bell. As a soloist he is a welcome guest at major concert series, from New York's Carnegie Hall to Vienna's Konzerthaus and London's Wigmore Hall.

He also performs frequently with his wife Izabella Simon playing four hands and two piano recitals together. In recent years Mr. Várjon has built a close cooperation with Alfred Brendel: their joint Liszt project was presented, among others, in the UK and Italy.

He has recorded for the Naxos, Capriccio and Hungaroton labels with critical acclaim.

He graduated from the Franz Liszt Music Academy in 1991, where his professors included Sándor Falvai, György Kurtág



and Ferenc Rados. Parallel to his studies he was regular participant at international master classes with András Schiff. Várjon won first prize at the Piano Competition of Hungarian Radio, at the Leó Weiner Chamber Music Competition in Budapest and at the Géza Anda Competition in Zurich. In 2020 he received Hungary's supreme award in culture, the Kossuth Prize. Mr. Várjon works also for Henle's Urtext Editions.

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FRIDAY 25 MARCH 2022, 7.30PM



Musici Ireland (Four hands & Four Voices)

For this delightful concert of works for voice and piano, pianists Lance Coburn and Soo-Jung Ann are joined by Rachel Croash, Sharon Carty, Gavan Ring and Rory Musgrave.

THURSDAY 7 APRIL 2022, 7.30PM



Julius Drake, Beth Taylor & Timothy Ridout

For this song recital, internationally celebrated pianist Julius Drake is joined by mezzo soprano Beth Taylor and viola player Timothy Ridout.

SATURDAY 14 MAY 2022, 7.30PM



Vadim Gluzman, Johannes Moser & Yevgeny Sudbin

Making a welcome return to Drogheda, cellist Johannes Moser will be joined by his trio partners Vadim Gluzman violin and Yevgeny Sudbin piano for a genuine starry line up.

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