



**GRAND VALLEY
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**DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC,
THEATRE, AND DANCE**

Guest Artist Recital

Schubert meets Beethoven (a musical fiction)

Julia Siciliano, piano

7:30 P.M.

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Sherman van Solkema Recital Hall

Haas Center for Performing Arts

GVSU Allendale Campus

Program

A brief introduction to this program

Narration begins: **SCHUBERT MEETS BEETHOVEN**

Impromptu in A-flat major Op.142 No.2

Franz Schubert
(1797-1828)

BEETHOVEN RESPONDS

Sonata No. 12 in A-flat major Op.26

Ludwig Van Beethoven

I. Andante con Variazioni

(1770-1827)

II. Scherzo: Allegro molto

III. Marcia Funebre (sulla morte d'un Eroe)

IV. Allegro

SCHUBERT RESPONDS

Sonata in B-flat major D.960

Schubert

I. Molto moderato

II. Andante sostenuto

III. Scherzo: Allegro vivace con delicatezza

IV. Allegro ma non troppo

BEETHOVEN RESPONDS

Bagatelle Op.126 No.3

Beethoven

Artist Bio

Award-winning concert pianist, Julia Siciliano has been heralded as a musician with “fabulous creative power” by the Bonn General-Anzeiger. Ms. Siciliano has become a well respected and anticipated rising talent on the world stage, being invited as a solo artist by many prestigious orchestras, and festivals, most recently with the Orquestra Sinfónica de la Region de Murcia for the MurciaArt Music Festival. A winner of many local and international piano competitions, Julia has won top prizes at the Sicily International Piano Competition, Heida Hermanns International Competition, Iowa Piano Competition, and MTNA National Competition. A highly active chamber musician, Julia has been invited to perform on concert series and festivals with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra Chamber Players, the Euskadiko Orchestra’s “Miramon Matinees”, Donostia Musika series at Teatro Victoria Eugenia in San Sebastián, Spain, and the La Verdi chamber music series in Teatro Gerolamo di Milano. She has given recitals with Metropolitan Opera stars Amanda Pabyan, Eric Owens, and Marina Domashenko, and internationally acclaimed instrumentalists Hayoung Choi, Simone Lamsma, and Alexei Ogrintchouk. Most notably, Julia performed the complete “accompanied sonatas” of Beethoven in the year 2020 at the Teatro Victoria Eugenia in Donostia-San Sebastián, Spain, and in various venues throughout the United States, France, and Sweden.

Julia has an active performing career in both solo and chamber music capacities across stages in North America, Central America, Europe and Asia. She has performed multiple times live on Chicago radio station WFMT, Detroit’s historic Scarab Club, Cincinnati Music Hall, the Bulgarian Consulate in New York City, Teatro Nacional of Guatemala, MalmöLive in Malmö, Sweden, Teatro Victoria Eugenia in San Sebastián, Spain, Palazzo Biscari in Catania, Italy, Teatro Gerolamo in Milan, Italy, Parvis de l’église Notre-Dame d’Espérance in Cannes, Deutsche Telekom Headquarters in Bonn, Clairmont Hall in Tel Aviv, Rachmaninov Hall in Moscow, and Kioi Hall in Tokyo.

Her debut solo album “Dream Catchers”, a two disc album featuring small scale works by Beethoven, Schumann, Schubert, Ravel and Debussy, released in 2016 to great acclaim. Fanfare Magazine declared “this release has merit as a career milestone” and leaves “no doubt about the devotion

and seriousness of Siciliano's approach to music." Gramophone Magazine praised her "fine technique and natural musicality" pinpointing her "masterful delicacy, harmonic motion, and timing" in Debussy's Images II.

Siciliano holds degrees from the Eastman School of Music, where she studied with Nelita True, and the University of Michigan, where she studied with Logan Skelton.

Upcoming MTD Events

November 15 at 7:30PM – Symphony Orchestra. LAT, PAC

November 16 at 7:30PM – CORNOcopia. SVS, PAC

November 17 at 7:30PM – Opera Theatre Presents: *Rent*. KBB, PAC

November 18 at 7:30PM – Opera Theatre Presents: *Rent*. KBB, PAC

November 18 at 2:00PM – Dr. Cho's Studio Project: Mozart Concerti. SVS

November 19 at 7:30PM – Opera Theatre Presents: *Rent*. KBB, PAC

November 20 at 7:30PM – Saxophone Studio Recital. SVS, PAC

November 27 at 7:30PM – Faculty Artist: Sookkyung Cho. SVS, PAC

November 29 at 7:30PM – Chamber Music Ensemble. SVS, PAC

November 30 at 7:30PM – Guest Artist: Melody Quah. SVS, PAC

December 1 at 7:30PM – Opera Theatre Presents: *Rent*. KBB, PAC

December 2 at 2:00PM – Dr. Cho's Studio Recital. SVS, PAC

December 2 at 7:00PM – Fall Dance Concert. LAT, PAC

December 2 at 7:30PM – Opera Theatre Presents: *Rent*. KBB, PAC

December 3 at 2:00PM – Fall Dance Concert. LAT, PAC

December 3 at 2:00PM – Opera Theatre Presents: *Rent*. KBB, PAC

December 3 at 5:00PM – Early Music Ensemble, SVS, PAC

December 5 at 7:30PM – Concert Band. LAT, PAC

December 6 at 7:30PM – Wind Symphony. LAT, PAC

December 7 at 7:30PM – Combined Choirs. Cook-Dewitt Center

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