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MID-WEEK RECITAL SERIES

SPECIAL ONLINE SERIES

MAY

2021

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

12:10 p.m.

RUFUS CHOI, *piano*

Etude-Tableaux Op.39, No5

Rachmaninoff

Sonata No.23 in F minor, op.57

Beethoven

I. Allegro assai

II. Andante con moto

III. Allegro ma non troppo- Presto

The First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica welcomes you to this concert. To view this performance and other past concerts, go to:
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About The Artist

Rufus Choi, piano

Rufus Choi, pianist and teacher, has always felt that his American birth and Korean heritage have imparted an international aura and underlying wanderlust to his musical career, which is defined by passionate, sold-out performances in numerous countries across the globe, as well as being a teacher of many international award winning students and music aficionados.

Rufus Choi has performed widely around the United States and many of his performances have been broadcast on local television and radio stations, such as ABC, CBS, KKGO, and WQXR. Mr. Choi has enjoyed solo recitals at Lincoln Center and Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall in New York City, sold-out solo recital at Zipper Hall in Los Angeles to benefit the AMRON Foundation, and a solo recital in Savannah, Georgia, as a distinguished performer on the "On Stage" music festival. He has performed both Chopin Concerti with the South Bay Chamber Orchestra to sold-out houses on both occasions, and was the featured soloist in the season finale with fireworks at the Redlands Summer Music Festival. He performed with the Rapides Symphony Orchestra in Alexandria, Louisiana, after winning the Louisiana International Piano Competition, and has also performed at the Herbst Theatre in San Francisco, Pasadena's Ambassador Auditorium and Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles.


Internationally, Choi has appeared in recital at the prestigious Salzburg Festival in Austria, given various concerts and masterclasses in Nicosia, Cyprus, performed in the Philomusica Festival in Oxford, England, and was invited to perform at music festivals in Puigcerda, Spain and Locarno, Switzerland. He has given solo recitals in a palace concert in Tours and festival performances in Angoustrine and Osseja, France. In Germany, Mr. Choi performed as a soloist with the Goettingen Symphony Orchestra in a palace concert at the world-famous Herrenhausen Gardens with Martin Braus conducting the Beethoven "Emperor" Concerto, which was recorded and distributed for the Hannover Musik Hochschule. In Frankfurt Mr. Choi performed Rachmaninoff's 2nd Piano Concerto with the St. Petersburg Chamber Philharmonic under the baton of Juri Gilbo. In Italy, Mr. Choi was the top prize winner at the Rovere D'oro International Piano Competition. He has toured in South Korea on a number of occasions, and performed at the Seoul Arts Center, Hoam Art Hall, Busan Cultural Center, Sejong Hall, as soloist with the Puchon Philharmonic, and was top prize winner in the Han Romanson International Piano Competition. In Mexico, Mr. Choi took the top prize in the Parnassos International Piano Competition and performed in Monterrey.

To read entire bio, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/mid-week-recital-series

Rev. Patricia Farris, Senior Minister
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Ty Woodward, Organist

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