

NIKOLAI SARATOVSKY

Nikolai Saratovsky is an internationally acclaimed Russian concert pianist, said by many in the classical world to be having a "stellar career". He has won a number of major international piano competitions and has an extraordinary repertoire, ranging from Bach to the latest contemporary composers. He studied at the Moscow State Conservatory with Professor Elena Richter graduating with the Award for Academic Excellence and a Masters degree and has gone on to win many awards for his musical accomplishments.

He has performed solo and with orchestras in 24 world capitals across the globe including New Zealand, Belgium, Luxembourg, USA, Portugal, Spain, Taiwan, Japan and Russia.

In 2015 Saratovsky became a member of the International Certificate for Piano Artists program (ICPA) based in Brussels. His talent for educating a growing generation of young musicians gives him the opportunity to give master classes in Japan, Russia, USA, Canada, Luxembourg and Taiwan.

Since February 2020, Nikolai Saratovsky has held the position of Professor in the prestigious Music Department at the National Taipei University of Education, Taiwan. He continues to perform at major venues throughout the Far East and Europe. He comes to New Zealand at the invitation of Mary Gow and Mulled Wine concerts (www.mulledwineconcerts.com). Details of the additional concerts he will be playing in New Zealand this trip may be obtained from Mary Gow marygow@gmail.com.

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AND FINALLY...

We congratulate our organiser, Mrs Mary Gow on her award in the King's New Zealand Birthday Honours List 2026 of the King's Service Medal for services to music.

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PROGRAMME

"Arabeske" in C major (Op. 18)

Robert Schumann (1810 - 1856)

"Un Sospiro" in d flat major (#3 of Concert Etudes S.144)

Franz Lizst (1811 - 1886)

"Rigoletto" (S.434)

Franz Lizst

"Four Pieces for Piano", (Op. 119)

Johannes Brahms (1833 - 1897)

1. *Intermezzo in b minor*

2. *Intermezzo in e minor*

3. *Intermezzo in C major*

4. *Rhapsody in E flat major*

INTERVAL

"Sleeping Beauty Concert Suite" (Op.66)

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840 - 1893); arr. by Mikhail Pletnev (1957 -)

1. *Prologue*

2. *Dance of the Pages*

3. *Vision*

4. *Andante*

5. *The Silver Fairy*

6. *Puss-in-Boots and the White Cat*

7. *Gavotte*

8. *The Singing Canary*

9. *Red Riding Hood and the Wolf*

10. *Adagio*

11. *Finale*

From "Piano Sonata #2, Second edition" (Op. 36)

Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873 - 1943)

I. *Allegro agitato*

II: *Non allegro - Lento*

III: *Allegro Molto*