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A poet of the piano to perform

Bay Chamber Concerts presents two Andrew Wolf Award Winner Concerts.

Inon Barnatan, last year's winner of the Andrew Wolf Chamber Music Award, returns to the Midcoast for his second season with Bay Chamber Concerts to perform in two outstanding concerts alongside violinist Geoff Nuttall and cellist Christopher Costanza of the St. Lawrence String Quartet. On Wednesday, August 12 at 8:00 p.m., they will perform "Soaring Melodies" featuring music by Haydn and Mendelssohn at the Strand Theatre in Rockland. Thursday night, August 13, at 8:00 p.m., the three musicians will be joined by Nuttall's wife, violinist Livia Sohn, as they play music by Beethoven, Enescu and Schumann in "Crossing Borders" at the Rockport Opera House.

The Andrew Wolf Chamber Music Award was established in memory of Bay Chamber Concerts' co-founder Andrew Wolf. A gifted pianist, Andrew Wolf served as artistic director of Bay Chamber for twenty-three years until his death in 1985. The Wolf Award recognizes the achievements of a dedicated pianist under the age of 40 who has made a significant contribution to chamber music. It carries a cash prize of \$15,000 plus appearances at Bay Chamber Concerts. Previous winners of the Wolf Award include Jeffrey Kahane, Lydia Artymiw, Christopher O'Riley, Wu Han, Anne-Marie McDermott, Jeremy Denk, Jonathan Biss, Natalie Zhu and Max Levinson. Each has gone on to have a highly successful career as a concert pianist.

Bay Chamber Concerts' most recent Andrew Wolf Award winner, Israeli born pianist Inon Barnatan, is described by the London Evening Standard as "a true poet of the keyboard: refined searching, unfailingly communicative...this is musicianship of the highest caliber." A 2009 Avery Fisher Career Grant recipient, Barnatan recently performed his recital debut at the Metropolitan Museum in Arts in New York, his American concerto debut with the Houston Symphony Orchestra, as well as performances at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Delft and Salzburg Festivals. Barnatan has also collaborated with such musicians as previous Andrew Wolf Award Winner Jonathan Biss, Gary Hoffman, Cho-Liang Lin, Miriam Fried and Ralph Kirshbaum.

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On Wednesday night, Inon Barnatan, violinist Geoff Nuttall, and cellist Christopher Costanza will perform Haydn's "Piano Trio NO.43 in C major," and two works by Mendelssohn his "Cello Sonata No. 2 in D major, Op.58" and "Piano Trio in D minor, Op. 49." The Mendelssohn works commemorating the 200th anniversary of the composer's birth. are sure to impress audiences.

Thursday night, musicians who originally came from four different countries will be playing music from two others, in " Crossing Borders." Pianist Inon Barnatan (Israel), violinist Geoff Nuttall (Canada), violinist Livian Sohn (Korea), and cellist Christopher Costanza (US) will perform German composer Ludwig Van Beethoven's "Variations in E flat on the theme Bei Männern, welche Liebe fühlen from Mozart's The Magic Flute," French composer George Enescu's "Violin Sonata No. 3 in A minor, Op. 25," and German composer Robert Schumann's "Piano in D minor, Op. 63." The concert is co-sponsored by the Allen Agency and John Morris Architects.

Bay Chamber Concerts will present a concert every Wednesday and Thursday throughout August. Wednesday night events will be at the Strand Theatre in Rockland and Thursday night events will be held at the Rockport Opera House. Before all Thursday night concerts there will be a pre-concert talk with Thomas Wolf, co-founder and artistic director of Bay Chamber, and visiting musicians. After all concerts there will be a free post-concert reception with the artists and complimentary refreshments.

Tickets to "Andrew Wolf Award Winner Concert: Soaring Melodies" and "Andrew Wolf Award Winner Concert: Crossing Borders" are \$25 to \$35 for adults, \$8 for youth ages 18 and under. Discounts are available for subscribers and groups of 8 or more. Bay Chamber Concerts is a 501(c)(3) registered non-profit organization. The media sponsor is VillageSoup.com. For more information, or to purchase tickets, contact Bay Chamber Concerts at (207) 236-2823, toll free at (888) 707-2770 or online at www.baychamberconcerts.org.

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Calendar Listings:

Date: Wednesday, August 12, 8:00 p.m.

Location: The Strand Theatre, 345 Main Street, Rockland, ME 04841

Title: Andrew Wolf Award Winner Concert: Soaring Melodies

Performers: Geoff Nuttall, violin; Christopher Costanza, cello; and Inon Barnatan, piano.

Program: Haydn: Piano Trio in C major, Hob. XV:27; Mendelssohn: Cello Sonata No.2 in D major, Op.58; and Mendelssohn: Piano Trio No.1 in D minor, Op.49.

Description: The extraordinary winner of the 2008 Andrew Wolf Chamber Music Award, Inon Barnatan, returns for his second season with Bay Chamber Concerts. He will be joined by two members of the St. Lawrence String Quartet.

Price: \$25-\$35 for adults, \$8 for ages 25 and under. Discounts available for subscribers and groups of 8 or more.

Date: Thursday, August 13, 8:00 p.m.

Location: Rockport Opera House, 6 Central Street, Rockport, ME 04856

Title: Andrew Wolf Award Winner Concert: Crossing Borders

Sponsors: Co-Sponsor: Allen Agency/Allen Financial

Performers: Geoff Nuttall and Livia Sohn violins; Christopher Costanza cello; and Inon Barnatan, piano.

Program: Beethoven: Seven Variations on a theme from Mozart's Magic Flute in E flat, WoO 46; Enesco: Sonata for Violin & Piano No.3 I A minor, Op.25; and Schumann: Piano Trio No.1 in D minor, Op.63.

Description: Musicians from four countries play music from two others! Do not miss this rare opportunity to hear husband and wife, Livia Sohn and Geoff Nuttall, on the same concert stage and to experience the fireworks of Enesco's famous third violin sonata.

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