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SAN FRANCISCO PERFORMANCES PRESENTS PIANIST NAREH
ARGHAMANYAN

Armenian Artist Featured At Annual Subscriber Gift Concert March 18 at Herbst Theatre

San Francisco, CA – San Francisco Performances’ annual Gift Concert will feature rising pianist Nareh Arghamanyan at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 18 at the Herbst Theatre. The concert is free to subscribers and members of SFP, with tickets to the general public priced at \$25.

San Francisco Performances began its Gift Concert tradition in 1992 with a recital featuring pianist Edward Aldwell. Recent concerts have featured such talents as pianists Lang Lang and Ingrid Fliter, and the Musicians from Marlboro.

The program for Arghamanyan’s March 18 concert is: SCARLATTI: Three Sonatas; SCHUMANN: Humoreske in B-flat Major, Opus 20; LISZT: Ballade No. 2 in B minor; RACHMANINOFF: Etudes Tableaux, Opus 33.

Winner of the 2008 Montreal International Music Competition, Arghamanyan made her New York debut in fall 2009 at the Frick Collection in New York City. Other appearances in the 2009-10 season include recitals in Miami, Detroit, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Kalamazoo, San Juan and Fresno. She also performs the Saint-Saëns Fifth Concerto with the Winnipeg Symphony, the Saint-Saëns Second and Mozart Double Concertos with I Musici de Montreal, and the “Emperor” Concerto with the McGill Chamber Orchestra.

Recently, the Analekta label released her recording of the Rachmaninoff Second Sonata and Liszt B minor Sonata to great acclaim. “La Scena Musicale” wrote: “Arghamanyan meets the daunting demands of these two ultra-Romantic pieces with a combination of technical bravura, singing tone and poetic expression ... the Liszt is particularly memorable.”

Born in 1989 in Armenia, Nareh Arghamanyan began her piano studies at the age of five and three years later entered the Tchaikovsky Music School for Talented Children in Yerevan. In 2004 she was the youngest student to be admitted to the University for Music and Performing Arts in Vienna, from which she graduated in 2008 with highest honors.

The public can purchase \$25 general admission tickets to the Gift Concert by calling (415) 392-2545, or visiting www.performances.org.

About San Francisco Performances

Founded in 1979 by Artistic Director Ruth Felt, and now in its 30th Anniversary Season, San Francisco Performances is the city's pre-eminent presenter of world-renowned and emerging artists in chamber music, vocal and instrumental recitals, jazz and contemporary dance. Through innovative programming, SFP brings audiences and artists together in unique ways, with more than 100 premieres and San Francisco debuts to its credit, including composer/pianist Thomas Adès, cellist Yo-Yo Ma and violinist Anne-Sophie Mutter; and dance companies Batsheva from Israel and Compañía Nacional de Danza from Spain.

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