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NEXT UP AT McCARTER

A trio of music programs start the 2018 Presented Series calendar

YAMATO DRUMMERS OF JAPAN

Chousensha: The Challengers World Tour

Saturday, January 27 at 8 p.m.



Yamato Drummers of Japan. Photo by Masa Ogawa.

Yamato, one of Japan's premiere taiko drum ensembles, celebrates its 25th anniversary this season. Its 12 drummers travel the world with several dozen of Japan's traditional Wadaiko drums. Since the dawn of history, the beat of taiko is the sound of Japan itself and the Japanese people, resounding at Shinto rituals and festivals in every part of the nation. Its performers believe the drumbeat, like the heartbeat, is the very pulse of life.

Ticket information

Yamato Drummers of Japan will perform on Saturday, January 27 at 8 p.m. in McCarter's Matthews Theatre. Single tickets range from \$50 - \$58 and can be purchased online at mccarter.org, by phone at (609) 258-2787, or in person at the McCarter Ticket Office at 91 University Place in Princeton.

NIKOLAJ ZNAIDER, violin

with Robert Kulek, piano – Monday, January 29, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.



Nikolaj Znaider, photo by Lars Gundersen.

As a violin virtuoso, **Nikolaj Znaider** has simultaneously established a relationship with certain orchestras with whom he not only plays but regularly conducts, such as the London Symphony. As a recitalist, he has both the sweetness of a Fritz Kreisler, the muscularity of a Fancescatti, and his own wisdom for setting off the poetic against the prosaic.

McCarter Program: Beethoven: Sonata No. 8 | Prokofiev: Sonata No. 2 | Brahms: Sonata No. 3, Op. 108 | selection of Shostakovich's *Preludes Op. 34*, written for piano and transcribed for violin.

Ticket Information

Nikolaj Znaider will perform on Monday, January 29 at 7:30 p.m. in McCarter's Matthews Theatre. Single tickets range from \$25 - \$65 and can be purchased online at mccarter.org, by phone at (609) 258-2787, or in person at the McCarter Ticket Office at 91 University Place in Princeton.

DANIIL TRIFONOV, piano and MATTHIAS GOERNE, baritone

Sunday, February 4, 2018 at 3 p.m.



Matthias Goerne and Daniil Trifonov. Photos courtesy of artists' management.

After winning both the Tchaikovsky and the Arthur Rubinstein competitions in 2012, **Daniil Trifonov** has steadily climbed every musical Everest in his path. Next season, he will be Carnegie Hall's "Artist in Residence," curating seven different programs. **Matthias Goerne** continues to conquer opera stages the world over, and his resume covers every major role in the repertoire.

McCarter Program: Works by Schumann, Berg, and Wolf.

Ticket information

Daniil Trifonov and **Matthias Goerne** will perform on February 4, 2018 in McCarter's Matthews Theatre. Single tickets range from \$35 - \$76.50 and can be purchased online at mccarter.org, by phone at (609) 258-2787, or in person at the McCarter Ticket Office at 91 University Place in Princeton.

ABOUT McCARTER THEATRE CENTER

Thanks to the efforts of Special Programming Director William W. Lockwood, McCarter Theatre Center is a premier presenter of artists renowned around the world and across genres as varied as dance, classical, pop, jazz, performance art, comedy, magic, children's theatre, and more.

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