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KAWAI PIANO SERIES – BRILLIANCE COMES IN THREES

Experience the exceptional talents of three brilliant pianists in three intimate recitals with performer and audience seated on the Concert Hall stage at the Queensland Performing Arts Centre (QPAC).

QPAC, in association with Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University, presents KAWAI PIANO SERIES, an annual succession of pianists promising a captivating program on 4, 12 and 19 August.

The series opens with **Andrea Lam** who returns to Brisbane with a wonderful program featuring Prokofiev's *epic 6th Sonata* and Shumann's profoundly passionate and poetic *Kreisleriana*.

Wong Wai Yin, of Hong Kong, will give a rare opportunity to hear the mighty *Liszt Sonata*, in her first Australian appearance.

The series closes with **Jayson Gillham** who presents a sparkling all-Chopin program featuring Chopin's *Concert No. 2*.

QPAC Director Presenter Services Ross Cunningham says the Kawai Piano Series continues to offer something for everyone from seasoned piano enthusiasts to piano students.

"The Kawai Piano Series performances are a highly accessible experience. With a 6.30pm start time, the recitals are contained to one hour thus providing an appealing introduction to the general public, including young audiences.

"All three recitals are in intimate mode, a rare and exciting opportunity where audiences view the performance from the stage's choir balcony, looking out over the auditorium. Once again this year, due to the strictly limited capacity, I urge people to book early to ensure they don't miss out," said Cunningham.

DATES

Andrea Lam Wednesday 4 August 6.30pm
Wong Wai Yin Thursday 12 August 6.30pm
Jasyson Gillham Thursday 19 August 6.30pm

WHERE

Concert Hall Stage, QPAC

TICKETS

Adult: \$26.50 Concession: \$16.50

BOOKINGS

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ANDREA LAM

Andrea Lam, now based in the USA, has appeared with all the leading symphony orchestras in concert and on CD releases, and has become known for her ability to capture the attention of her audiences. She returns to Brisbane for a wonderful program featuring Prokofiev's epic *6th Sonata* and Schumann's profoundly passionate and poetic *Kreisleriana*.

WONG WAI YIN

At 16, Hong Kong pianist Wong Wai Yin has enjoyed outstanding success in her competitive and concert performances in China, Japan, USA, UK, Israel, Singapore and Malaysia. She won the Gold Medal in the 2008 Vladimir Horowitz contest in Ukraine. In this, her first appearance in Australia, she gives us a rare opportunity to hear the mighty Liszt Sonata in concert.

JAYSON GILLHAM

Already a favourite with Brisbane audiences, this young Queensland pianist is now making a name for himself far and wide, with successful appearances at top London venues including Wigmore Hall. Jayson presents a sparkling all-Chopin program just before appearances on tour with the Queensland Symphony Orchestra in Chopin's *Concerto No 2*.