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PIANIST LEIF OVE ANDSNES RETURNS TO SYMPHONY CENTER FOR SOLO RECITAL

Sunday, February 19, at 3 p.m.

CHICAGO — Internationally renowned Norwegian pianist Leif Ove Andsnes makes his only appearance at Orchestral Hall this season as part of the *Symphony Center Presents Piano* series on [Sunday, February 19 at 3 p.m.](#)

Andsnes performs a varied and technically challenging program highlighted by Haydn's dramatic Sonata in C Minor; Bartók's Suite for Piano; and Book 1 of Debussy's evocative *Images* for Piano. Closing out the afternoon is a series of short works by Chopin, including the enduringly popular Ballades Nos. 1 and 3.

Norwegian pianist **LEIF OVE ANDSNES** is one of the most sought-after pianists of his generation. He appears each season with the world's leading orchestras and gives recitals in the foremost concert halls. Also an active chamber musician, he plays at the Risør Chamber Music Festival, Norway, and is music director of the 2012 Ojai Music Festival in California. Highlights of Andsnes' 2011/12 season include the beginning of a multiyear project entitled "Beethoven – A Journey," playing and recording all five of Beethoven's piano concertos. Other season highlights include Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No. 3 in Germany, Japan and Norway, recitals in North America, Japan and Europe and a spring recital tour in the U.S. with baritone Matthias Goerne, featuring songs by Mahler and Shostakovich.

Andsnes now records exclusively for Sony Classical, but his previous output includes more than 30 albums for EMI Classics, spanning repertoire from Bach to the present day. He has been nominated for eight Grammys; and has won five Gramophone Awards. Among his recent recordings are Rachmaninov's Piano Concertos Nos. 3 and 4 with Antonio Pappano and the London Symphony Orchestra and Schumann's complete piano trios with violinist Christian Tetzlaff and his sister, cellist Tanja Tetzlaff. He was born in Karmøy, Norway in 1970 and studied at the Bergen Music Conservatory. He has received his country's most distinguished honor, Commander of the Royal Norwegian Order of St. Olav, as well as the Peer Gynt Prize, the Royal Philharmonic Society's Instrumentalist Award and the prestigious Gilmore Artist Award.

Complete program details follow:

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Symphony Center Presents
Piano Series

Sunday, February 19, 2012, 3 p.m.
Leif Ove Andsnes, piano

HAYDN Piano Sonata in C Minor, Hob. XVI:20
BARTÓK Suite for Piano, Op. 14
DEBUSSY *Images* for Piano, Book 1
CHOPIN Waltz in F Minor, Op. 70, No. 2
CHOPIN Waltz in G-flat Major, Op. 70, No. 1
CHOPIN Waltz in D-flat Major, Op. 70, No. 3
CHOPIN Ballade No. 3 in A-flat Major, Op. 47
CHOPIN Waltz in A-flat Major, Op. 42
CHOPIN Nocturne in B Major, Op. 62, No. 1
CHOPIN Ballade No. 1 in G Minor, Op. 23

Tickets: \$22–\$84

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