



St James's Church Piccadilly

Wednesday 29th November- 1:10pm

**SooHong Park (piano), Sarah Chae (soprano) &
Won Choi (tenor)**

Suggested donation £5

Franz Liszt (1811-1886)	Piano Sonata in B minor, S.178
Cesare A Bixio (1896-1978)	Parla mi d'amore Mariu
Giacomo Puccini (1858-1924)	Musetta's aria "Quando m'en vo" from La Bohème.
Salvatore Cardillo (1874-1947)	"Core 'ngrato"
Richard Strauss (1864-1949)	Sophie's aria "Ich bin euer Liebden" from Der Rosenkavalier.
Giacomo Puccini	Cavaradossi's aria "E lucevan le stelle" from Tosca
SooIn Lee	River flows in my heart (내 맘의 강물)
Giuseppe Verdi (1813-1901)	"Libiamo, ne' lieti calici" from La traviata.

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Pianist **SooHong Park** will open this November's House Concert, he holds the distinction of being the first Korean to be accepted as a Jungstudent at the Hochschule für Musik Detmold in Germany. In 2016 he completed an Artist Diploma with the Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

Park's artistry has resonated internationally, with regular performances in Germany and the UK, including celebrated appearances at Carnegie Hall in New York and the renowned Barbican Hall in London as part of the Guildhall Artists Ensemble. He further enriched his musical experience by participating in the IMS Prussia Cove in the UK in 2018 and reaching the finals of the prestigious Tongyeong Isang Yoon International Music Competition in 2019. His talents were further recognised when he clinched the Guildhall Gold Medal in 2020.

SooHong Park also explores the realm of composition. His composition, inspired by the remarkable female divers of Jeju Island garnered him the grand prize from the Jeju World Cultural Preservation Society.

In the second half of the concert audiences will meet the soprano **Sarah Seung-hwa Chae**, a Young Artist at the London National Opera, and tenor Won Choi, renowned for his captivating voice.

Soprano's Chae remarkable talents were recognized when she was awarded a prestigious Wagner Stipendium Bayreuth in December 2019. Additionally, she received a special accolade from Vesselina Kassarova for her exceptional contribution to a production at the State Opera Stara Zagora during the 2019/2020 season. From April 2020 onwards, she has been under the tutelage of Prof. Yaron Windmüller at Saar University of Music, Saarbrücken, where she is diligently working toward her postgraduate degree.

Tenor **Won Choi** holds a master's degree from Hochschule für Musik Saar in Germany and an advanced degree (Spécialisation) from Conservatoire Strasbourg in France. In 2021, he graced the stage as Gaston in Verdi's La Traviata at the Teatro Alfieri di Asti in Italy, showcasing his vocal prowess. In 2023, he enthralled the audience by performing Strauss's Salome Zweite Nazarene at the Mainz National Theater in Germany. Choi Won's musical journey takes him across Europe and Korea.