

CONCERT PROGRAM

CELEBRATING DANTE



12 APRIL, 2025 AT 7:00PM
VENUE: PYATT HALL
HOSTED BY: DANTE SOCIETY OF BC

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R. Schumann

Kinderszenen Op.15

- 1.From foreign countries and people
- 2.A funny story
- 3.Catch-Catch
- 4.The suppliant child
- 5.Almost happy
- 6.An important event
- 7.Dreaming
- 8.At the fireplace
- 9.Riding on a hobby-horse
- 10.Almost too serious
- 11.The child is scared
- 12.Child falling asleep
- 13.The poet talks

F. Liszt

Sonetto del Petrarca No.104

from *Années de pèlerinage, deuxième année: Italie*, No. 5

F. Liszt

Après une lecture du Dante (Fantasia quasi Sonata)

from *Années de pèlerinage, deuxième année: Italie*, No. 7

-intermission-

Mussorgsky

Pictures at an Exhibition

Promenade

1. Gnomus

Promenade

2. The old castle

Promenade

3. Tuileries. Children quarrelling as they play

4. Bydlo

Promenade

5. Dance of the chicks within their shells

6. Two Polish Jews, one rich, the other poor

Promenade

7. Limoges. The Market place

8. Catacumbae. Sepulchrum romanum

Cum mortuis in lingua mortua

9. Baba-Yaga. The hut upon chicken legs

10. The great gate of Kiev



Italian concert pianist, composer and conductor, **Emilio De Mercato** holds Master's Degrees in Piano and in Composition from the Conservatory of Music "Giuseppe Verdi" in Milan, Italy, and the *Konzertdiplom* in Piano from the Hochschule für Musik in Bern, Switzerland. Since his move to Canada in 2012, he has been a featured pianist and conductor on many stages, performing in numerous tours and festivals. Since 2015 he is the founder and Music Director of the Alberta Symphony Orchestra which presented events such as Symphony of Hope, Celebrate The Season at the Alberta Legislature Building, A Stradivarius for the

People, Tribute to Renoir, Music in the Air, the Ode to Humanity 2022/23 Series, Verdi-ssimo, and Tribute to Glenn Gould for Canada's 150th anniversary at the Winspear Centre for Music in Edmonton, in partnership with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, featuring 55-piece Alberta Symphony Orchestra and Emilio as the pianist and conductor. In 2017 Emilio debuted in a piano recital at the renowned 63rd Puccini Festival in Torre del Lago, Italy. He currently is member of the Piano Faculty at the Mount Royal University Conservatory in Calgary. In 2025 Emilio will be on a piano tour with stops in different Canadian cities, leading up to his piano recital debut at the Carnegie Hall in New York in May. For full bio and concerts schedule go to www.emiliodemercato.com.