



**HERSHEY FELDER PRESENTS LIVE FROM FLORENCE
TWO LIVESTREAM EVENTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

**Hershey Felder as Claude Debussy in
A PARIS LOVE STORY**

5pm PST/ 8pm EST Sunday, November 22, 2020

AND

Hershey Felder TCHAIKOVSKY

5pm PST/ 8pm EST Sunday, December 20, 2020

FLORENCE, ITALY (23 October 2020) – This holiday season, virtuoso performer/ playwright **Hershey Felder** will transport audiences and lift spirits with livestreamed performances directly from Europe, from the locations where his subjects lived and worked, in his hit shows *Hershey Felder as Claude Debussy in A PARIS LOVE STORY* and *Hershey Felder TCHAIKOVSKY*. Performed live, actor/writer/pianist Felder presents intimate portrayals of the lives and incandescent music of visionary Impressionist composer Claude Debussy and famed Russian composer of *The Nutcracker Suite*, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, in these stunning musical masterpieces. The pieces will be directed by Florentine cinema artist Stefano Decarli based on the original stage plays directed by Trevor Hay, and presented by Hershey Felder Presents *Live from Florence*. *Hershey Felder as Claude Debussy in A PARIS LOVE STORY* will be performed live and streamed Sunday, November 22, 2020 (5pm PST/8pm EST) and *Hershey Felder TCHAIKOVSKY* will be presented live Sunday, December 20, 2020 (5pm PST/8pm EST). Tickets (\$55 per household, \$99 for a Holiday Pass including streaming access for both shows) and more information is available at HersheyFelderLive.com.

Both shows have dazzled audiences in sold-out runs in the Bay Area and around the world; Felder now reshapes both pieces with new material for the screen, which will be presented in rich, filmic settings, and will offer audiences a front row seat for an intimate look at the music and lives of two great geniuses—from the locations where they actually lived and composed. Following up Felder’s triumphant *Live from Florence* productions of *Hershey Felder as Irving Berlin*, *Hershey Felder: Beethoven*, and *Hershey Felder as George Gershwin Alone* which have delighted audiences and raised much needed funds for theatres and theatre artists

in the United States and abroad, the accomplished performer will take audiences on a personal journey through the City of Light in ***Hershey Felder as Claude Debussy in A PARIS LOVE STORY***. This tour-de-force solo performance captures the life and music of Impressionist composer Claude Debussy, a visionary who created music of ravishing beauty, color, and compassion, from the sweeping *La Mer* to the evocative *Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune*, and the mystical "Clair de lune," ultimately shaping a whole new world of color in sound. When this work was presented at TheatreWorks Silicon Valley in March 2019, it established a new all-time box office record for the 50-year-old theatre company - shattering the previous record, which was set by Felder's *Our Great Tchaikovsky*.

Then, Felder will ring in the holiday season as he personifies *The Nutcracker* composer in ***Hershey Felder TCHAIKOVSKY***. Based on Felder's hit *Our Great Tchaikovsky*, this merry musical treat features an extended focus on his iconic work synonymous with the holidays, *The Nutcracker* ballet, as well as delving into Tchaikovsky's life in Italy, and his array of works from the ballets *Swan Lake* and *Sleeping Beauty*, to his *1812 Overture*, and brilliant symphonic works. ***Hershey Felder TCHAIKOVSKY*** will be broadcast live on location in Florence.

Both productions are directed by Stefano Decarli and Felder, based on the stage plays directed by Trevor Hay. Production design is by Hershey Felder. Film production and live editing is by the DeCarli Live film company. Live broadcast and Sound design production are by Erik Carstensen. Historical and biographical research by Meghan Maiya. Costumes and Hair by Isabelle Gerbe. Scenic Construction by Pierre Gerbe.

An actor, pianist, writer, director, composer, conductor, and producer, **Hershey Felder** has created lauded shows about composers Claude Debussy, George Gershwin, Fryderyk Chopin, Ludwig van Beethoven, Franz Liszt, Leonard Bernstein, Irving Berlin, and Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky. Felder's solo shows have broken records at theatres across America including TheatreWorks Silicon Valley, Geffen Playhouse, Pasadena Playhouse, Berkeley Repertory Theatre, Hartford Stage, San Diego Repertory Theatre, La Jolla Playhouse, Old Globe Theatre, American Repertory Theater, and Cleveland Playhouse, and have received long runs at Chicago's Royal George Theatre and engagements at New York's Town Hall, 59E59, and the Streicker Center. He has also created and/or produced plays for other artists including the

award winning *The Pianist of Willesden Lane* for Mona Golabek, *Flying Solo* for Nathan Gunn, *Louis and Keeley Live at the Sahara* for Vanessa Stewart and Taylor Hackford among others.

For Calendar Editors:

Hershey Felder as Claude Debussy in A PARIS LOVE STORY

WHAT: Hershey Felder Presents *Live from Florence* will offer a special livestreamed performance of ***Hershey Felder as Claude Debussy in A PARIS LOVE STORY***. Virtuoso pianist/actor/playwright Hershey Felder takes audiences on a very personal journey through the beloved city of Paris through the music of Claude Debussy (“Clair de lune,” *Prélude à l’après-midi d’un faune*, and many more), offering real life stories and fascinating insights on how this music shaped a whole new world of color in sound, a “musical impressionism” that created the beginnings of what is known today as richly evocative “Movie Music.”

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ON-DEMAND: Ticketholders have access to a recording of the production for an additional week after the livestream.

WHERE: Patrons who purchase a ticket to the event will be emailed a link to stream the program at home on their computer, SmartTV or other device.

TICKETS: \$55 per household
\$99 for Holiday Pass (including access for one household to view ***Hershey Felder as Claude Debussy in A PARIS LOVE STORY*** and ***Hershey Felder TCHAIKOVSKY***)

INFO: For information or to order tickets visit [HersheyFelderLive.com](https://www.HersheyFelderLive.com)

Hershey Felder TCHAIKOVSKY

WHAT: Hershey Felder Presents *Live from Florence* will ring in the holidays with a special performance of ***Hershey Felder TCHAIKOVSKY***. Based on the original OUR GREAT TCHAIKOVSKY, with an extended focus on *The Nutcracker* ballet (in honor of Christmas) as well as Tchaikovsky’s life in Italy where he spent a good deal of time. The production will be streamed live from Florence where Tchaikovsky actually lived and worked. ***Hershey Felder TCHAIKOVSKY*** offers audiences a surprising and wildly engaging holiday treat.

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