

**THEATREWORKS SILICON VALLEY OFFERS
ON-DEMAND STREAMING FOR
Hershey Felder
TCHAIKOVSKY
CONTINUES THROUGH SUNDAY, DEC. 27, 2020**

REDWOOD SHORES, CA (21 December 2020) – On-demand streaming is being made available this week to watch virtuoso performer/playwright Hershey Felder perform *Hershey Felder TCHAIKOVSKY*. Presented by TheatreWorks Silicon Valley in partnership with Hershey Felder Presents *Live from Florence*, this engaging musical masterpiece was livestreamed to a world-wide audience on Sunday, December 20, dazzling thousands of theatre and music fans who tuned in from home to watch the intimate portrayal of the famed Russian composer of *The Nutcracker Suite*. Newly adapted for the screen, Felder performed the acclaimed work from a rich, filmic setting from Florence, Italy, offering a front row seat for this intimate look at the music and life of a great genius from locations where the composer lived and worked. The public may still reserve on-demand streaming access to view *Hershey Felder TCHAIKOVSKY* through December 27, 2020. More information and streaming access (\$55 per household) are available at theatreworks.org.

Hershey Felder TCHAIKOVSKY is based on Felder’s international hit *Our Great Tchaikovsky*, which delighted audiences in sold-out runs at TheatreWorks and around the world prior to the pandemic. When *Our Great Tchaikovsky* made its Regional Premiere at TheatreWorks Silicon Valley in January 2018, it established a new all-time box office record for the company, with *Talkin’ Broadway* deeming the show Felder’s “most emotionally gripping portrayal yet” and *The Mercury News* proclaiming Felder’s “ability to conjure the great Russian master swept the opening night audience away.”

This work follows Felder’s triumphant *Live from Florence* productions of *Hershey Felder as Irving Berlin*; *Hershey Felder, Beethoven*; *Hershey Felder as George Gershwin Alone*; and *Hershey Felder as Claude Debussy in A PARIS LOVE STORY* which have been enjoyed by audiences and raised much needed funds for theatres and theatre artists. To celebrate the

holiday season, *Hershey Felder TCHAIKOVSKY* features an extended focus on the composer's iconic work *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.

Production design is by **Hershey Felder**. Staging is by **Trevor Hay**. 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 is by **Meghan Maiya**. Costumes are by **Tedavi 98**. Hair and beard are by **Gherardo Filistrucchi**. Wardrobe is by **Isabelle Gerbe**. I.T. by **Annette Nixon**. Company Management is by **Samantha F. Voxakis**.

Named to Time Magazine's 2016 Top 10 Plays and Musicals, **Hershey Felder** has played over 6,000 performances of his self-created solo productions at some of the world's most prestigious theatres and has broken box office records consistently. Felder has become an enormous Bay Area favorite; audiences have packed TheatreWorks' regional premieres of this work and *Hershey Felder as Irving Berlin*, as well as the World Premiere of *Hershey Felder as Claude Debussy in A PARIS LOVE STORY* and *Hershey Felder: Beethoven*. *American Theatre Magazine* has said, "Hershey Felder is in a category all his own." His other shows include: *George Gershwin Alone* (Broadway's Helen Hayes Theatre, West End's Duchess Theatre); *Maestro* (Leonard Bernstein); *Franz Liszt in Musik*; and *Lincoln: An American Story*. His compositions and recordings include *Aliyah, Concerto for Piano and Orchestra; Fairytale, a musical; Les Anges de Paris, Suite for Violin and Piano; Song Settings; Saltimbanques for Piano and Orchestra; Etudes Thematiques for Piano; and An American Story for Actor and Orchestra*. Felder is the adaptor, director and designer for the internationally performed play-with-music *The Pianist of Willesden Lane* with Steinway artist Mona Golabek, which was enjoyed by TheatreWorks audiences in early 2020. Felder was the producer and designer for the musical *Louis and Keely: 'Live' at the Sahara*, directed by Taylor Hackford; and writer and director for *Flying Solo*, featuring opera legend Nathan Gunn. Felder has operated a full-service production company since 2001, and in 2020 created a new brand, LIVE FROM FLORENCE, that operates a "theatre at home broadcast company" based in Florence, Italy. Early broadcasts included; *Hershey Felder as IRVING BERLIN*; *Hershey Felder, BEETHOVEN*; *Hershey Felder as GEORGE GERSHWIN ALONE*; *Hershey Felder, BACKSTORY – The Story Behind the Creation of Berlin, Gershwin & Bernstein*; and

Cooking French in Florence with Jeff Thickman & Hershey Felder. The Hershey Felder Presents - Live from Florence 2020-21 Season of broadcasts include: *Hershey Felder as Claude Debussy in A PARIS LOVE STORY*; *Hershey Felder, TCHAIKOVSKY*; *Hershey Felder as Sholem Aleichem in BEFORE FIDDLER*; *Hershey Felder, PUCCINI*; and *Hershey Felder as Sergei Rachmaninoff in ANNA & SERGEI*.

TheatreWorks Silicon Valley is the recipient of the 2019 Regional Theatre Tony Award. Led by Artistic Director **Tim Bond** and Executive Director **Phil Santora**, the Palo Alto-based theatre company serves more than 100,000 patrons per year and has captured a national reputation for artistic innovation and integrity, often presenting Bay Area theatregoers with their first look at acclaimed musicals, comedies, and dramas, directed by award-winning local and guest directors, and performed by professional actors cast locally and from across the country. The company's 51st season has been postponed in accordance with global efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

For Calendar Editors:

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ON-DEMAND: The public may purchase streaming access for the production now through December 27, 2020.

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

INFO: For information or to order tickets visit **theatreworks.org**.

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PHOTOS: Downloadable high-res photos are available here:
<http://www.cbpr.co/press/HFTchaikovsky>