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LESLIE HOWARD IN RECITAL

World's finest Liszt virtuoso comes to Brisbane

Internationally renowned pianist, Leslie Howard, returns to Australia for the Queensland Music Festival, performing a recital of works by Liszt, Beethoven and other romantic composers at Concert Hall, QPAC on Friday 24 July.

Declared by BBC Music Magazine as the “world’s finest living exponent of Liszt”, Australian-born Howard is famous as much for his musicality as he is for his record breaking recordings of the complete music for solo piano by Franz Liszt comprising over ninety CDs.

Queensland Music Festival Artistic Director, Deborah Conway rates Leslie Howard as a musical genius, who “has justly earned his reputation as a pianist without peer on the international concert scene.”

An Order of Australia medal recipient in the Queen's Birthday Honours in 1999 for service to the arts as a musicologist, composer, piano soloist and mentor to young musicians, Howard has the largest repertoire of any pianist who ever lived and the largest discography of any pianist in recording history.

This recital presents three of his particular great passions: the music of Beethoven - a set of variations of rare beauty; Liszt - in a magnificent set of prayers and laments; and the romantic Russians, with a group of delightful miniatures by Borodin and the rich colours of the brilliant first sonata of Glazunov.

Students and members of the public will also have a rare opportunity to attend a masterclass by Howard, at Griffith University Queensland Conservatorium, on Saturday 25 July.

Leslie has played with the world's great orchestras, working with many distinguished conductors. Leslie Howard is renowned for his original recital programs and notably shares his personal joy in musical discovery and his playing for its combination of intellectual command and pianistic spontaneity.

The Queensland Music Festival is a state-wide biennial celebration of musical excellence that makes the joy of music accessible to all. Whether your primary interest is in serious contemporary music, world music, regional cultural development or just taking in fantastic entertainment, QMF offers 44 events in over 20 regions throughout the State to connect with.

RECITAL DETAILS

VENUE: Concert Hall, QPAC, South Bank
DATE: Friday 24 July at 8pm
TICKETS: Premium \$75 / A Res \$55 / B Res \$45 / Conc \$35 - \$65
BOOKINGS: 136 246 / qmf.org.au

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PROGRAM:

BEETHOVEN Six variations on an original theme in F Major, Opus 34

LISZT Années de Pèlerinage – Troisième Année, S163

BORODIN Petite Suite

GLAZOUNOV Sonata No. 1 in B flat minor, Opus 74

MASTERCLASS

Saturday 25 July, 2pm – 4pm at the Ian Hanger Recital Hall, Griffith University Queensland Conservatorium South Bank Campus. Tickets \$10 available at door (Pre-bookings not available).

Leslie Howard is presented by Queensland Music Festival, Brisbane City Council and Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University

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