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VANCOUVER RECITAL SOCIETY
VISITING ARTIST SERIES

Friday, January 9, 2026
7:30 p.m., von Kuster Hall
Paul Lewis, *piano*

I

Sonata in C Major, K. 330
Allegro moderato
Andante cantabile
Allegretto

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
(1756-1791)

Improvisations Nos. 7 – 12
No. 7 in C Major
No. 8 in a minor
No. 9 in D Major
No. 10 in F Major, “Eloge des games”
No. 11 in g minor
No. 12 in E-flat Major, “Hommage à Schubert”

Francis Poulenc
(1899-1963)

L'isle joyeuse, L. 109

Claude Debussy
(1862-1918)

Intermission

II

Improvisations Nos. 1-6 and 13-15
No. 1 in b minor
No. 2 in A-flat Major
No. 3 in b minor
No. 4 in A-flat Major
No. 5 in a minor
No. 6 in B-flat Major
No. 13 in a minor
No. 14 in D-flat Major
No. 15 in c minor, “Hommage à Edith Piaf”

F. Poulenc

Sonata in c minor, K. 457
Molto allegro
Adagio
Allegro assai

W. A. Mozart

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BIOGRAPHY

Paul Lewis is internationally regarded as one of the leading musicians of his generation. His cycles of core piano works by Beethoven and Schubert have received unanimous critical and public acclaim worldwide, and consolidated his reputation as one of the world's foremost interpreters of the central European classical repertoire. His numerous awards have included the Royal Philharmonic Society's Instrumentalist of the Year, two Edison awards, three Gramophone awards, the Diapason D'or de l'Annee, the Preis Der Deutschen Schallplattenkritik, the Premio Internazionale Accademia Musicale Chigiana, and the South Bank Show Classical Music award. He holds honorary degrees from Liverpool, Edge Hill, and Southampton Universities, and was appointed Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) in the 2016 Queen's Birthday Honours.

He works regularly as soloist with the world's great orchestras, including the Berlin Philharmonic, Boston Symphony, Chicago Symphony, London Symphony, London Philharmonic, Bavarian Radio Symphony, NHK Symphony, New York Philharmonic, LA Philharmonic, and the Royal Concertgebouw, Cleveland, Tonhalle Zurich, Leipzig Gewandhaus, Philharmonia, and Mahler Chamber Orchestras.

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