



It's All About Piano!

From 22 to 24 March 2013, the Institut Français in London will celebrate the king of all musical instruments with its very first piano festival, *It's All About Piano!* Come and discover the infinite possibilities offered by the black and white keys, from recitals to jazz, film screenings, kids activities, workshops, a ciné-concert and much more.

Whether you delight in Schubert or only sway to the jazz greats, whether you want to listen to the masters or watch fascinating films unveiling what goes on behind the scenes in the music world, *It's All About Piano!* is sure to enchant and amaze you.

This piano extravaganza will take over the Institut Français for three whole days of musical treats, from our in-house bistro revamped into a piano bar, to the Ciné Lumière which will house the greatest performers – Imogen Cooper, Cyprien Katsaris, Felicity Lott, Baptiste Trotignon, and more – as they explore the full length of the piano repertoire, not to mention our Liszt Room, a secret space with exclusive screenings. Our “Cabinet of Curiosities” series will take over the elegant setting of the Institut’s Art Deco listed library to present little-known works played by young prodigies and established artists such as Anne Queffélec, and our elegant Salons, tucked away behind a hidden door, will host innovative performances.

In the family of musical instruments, the piano is in a class of its own. With its wide range and polyphonus nature, it truly is an orchestra in miniature. It is opera, symphony, and string quartet all in one – the piano is much more than a piano. In the end, it is much more of a tool than an instrument... a magical tool. (...) Pianists are faced with a Himalaya of treasures. – Anne Queffélec

Recitals

Friday 22nd March

- 18.00 Nick van Bloss playing Bach "Goldberg Variations BWV 988"
19.00 Lidija & Sanja Bizjac "Cabinet of Curiosities" (Debussy, Busser, Bonis & Ravel)

Saturday 23rd March

- 10.30 Lawson Piano Trio – Family Concert
13.00 Guillaume Vincent – playing Alkan, Rachmaninov & Liszt
14.00 Paris Conservatoire Showcase featuring Antoine Alerini, Matthieu Acar & Nathanaël Gouin
17.30 Paul Roberts – Ravel "Miroirs"
19.00 Imogen Cooper playing Schubert "Drei Klavierstücke D946; Sonata in G major D894; Deutsche Tanze; Moments Musicaux D780"

Sunday 24th March

- 12.00 Ivan Ili "Cabinet of Curiosities" – programme includes Glass, Satie, Pärt, Cage, Marcus & Adams
13.00 Katya Apekisheva and Charles Owen playing Ravel, Poulenc & Stravinsky duets
16.00 Anne Queffelec "Cabinet of Curiosities" playing Satie, de Séverac, Poulenc, Debussy, Ferroud, Hahn, Dupont, Koechlin and Schmitt
17.30 Worbey & Farrell – Internationally renowned comedy piano duo
18.00 Ferenc Vizi "Cabinet of Curiosities" – including Mozart, Debussy, de Falla, Piazzola & Gershwin
19.30 Cyprien Katsaris – Chopin Liszt & Debussy

Jazz Concerts

Saturday 23rd March

- 22.00 Laurent de Wilde

Sunday 24th March

- 21.30 Baptiste Trotignon

Film Screenings

Friday 22nd March

- 20.00 La Voix Humaine – World Premiere – Followed by Q&A with Dame Felicity Lott and Graham Johnson, hosted by James Jolly (Gramophone/BBC R3)

Saturday 23rd March

- 10.00 Musical Medley (Cartoons for Children with a piano theme)
14.00 Pianomania – followed by a discussion with Ulrich Gerhartz of Steinway & Sons

Sunday 24th March

- 10.30 The 5000 Fingers of Dr. T
14.00 Au Bonheur des Dames with live accompaniment by Karol Beffa

Talks and Presentations

Saturday 23rd March

- 11.00 La Musique with Frédéric Chopin (for younger children)
17.30 Paul Roberts – Ravel "Miroirs"

Sunday 24th March

14.00 Melanie Spanswick "So You Want To Play the Piano?"

Workshops**Every Day**

Various Times Piano Nuts and Bolts with Alain Chauvel

Various Times Free Piano Tuition

Sunday 24th March

15.00-17.30 Piano Yoga

Notes for Editors & Media

You can see more information on www.itsallaboutpiano.co.uk

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