



College of Music  
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

ARTIST-FACULTY SERIES  
Sponsored by WKAR

# **Antonio Di Cristofano, piano**

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Wednesday, February 5, 2025  
Cook Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

# PROGRAM

Vallée d'Obermann, S. 156/5

Franz Liszt  
(1811-1886)

from 6 *Klavierstücke*, Op. 118

Johannes Brahms  
(1833-1897)

1. Intermezzo. Allegro non assai,  
ma molto appassionato
2. Intermezzo. Andante teneramente
3. Ballade. Allegro energico

Scherzo No. 2 in B-flat Minor, Op. 31

Frédéric Chopin  
(1810-1849)

Intermission

from 10 *Preludes*, Op. 23

Sergei Rachmaninoff  
(1873-1943)

4. Andante cantabile

Elégie in E-flat Minor, Op. 3

Sergei Rachmaninoff

Ballade No. 4 in F Minor, Op. 52

Frédéric Chopin

Polonaise-Fantaisie in A-flat Major, Op. 61

Frédéric Chopin

## ARTIST-FACULTY BIOS

**Antonio Di Cristofano** completed his piano studies in 1986 at the Conservatory “L. Cherubini” in Florence under M° Bacchelli and later perfected with M° Damerini.

He has performed as a soloist with numerous orchestras, including La Scala Milan Orchestra, Wiener Mozart Orchestra, Jerusalem Symphony, Slovak Filharmonie, Montreal Philharmonic, Toronto Sinfonia, New York Chamber Players, and the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra. He has collaborated with renowned conductors such as G. Taverna, M. Bosch, M. Alsop, and C. Schulz.

His performances span major festivals and venues in Italy, including the Verdi Theatre in Florence, Festival dei Due Mondi in Spoleto, and Puccini Hall in Milan. Internationally, he has played at the Enescu Festival (Romania), Festival de Vigo (Spain), Belles Artes Palacio (Mexico), Moores Opera House (USA), Istanbul Chamber Orchestra (Turkey), Smetana Hall (Czech Republic), Tchaikovsky Conservatory (Russia), Glenn Gould Studio (Canada), Grieg Festival (Norway), Yamaha Concert Hall (Tokyo), Shanghai and Shenzhen Piano Festivals (China), and many others across Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Americas.

He has recorded CDs with Velut Luna and Millenium and recently released *Encores*. In 2006 and 2007, he debuted at Carnegie Hall in New York and the Konzerthaus and Golden Hall MusikVerein in Vienna.

As a sought-after juror, he has judged competitions such as Compositores de España (Madrid), Varallo, Rachmaninov (Moscow), Iturbi (Valencia), and Cleveland Piano Competition. He has also taught at institutions like Tchaikovsky Conservatory (Moscow), Valencia Conservatory, Dubrovnik Summer Academy, Seoul SMC Academy, Xiamen Conservatory, and numerous U.S. universities.

He has received the Paul Harris Fellow award three times from the Rotary Club and was honored with the *Grifone d'Oro Prize* by Grosseto City in 2018. He is currently a Guest Professor at Xiamen Conservatory in China and the Orpheus Summer Academy.

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- **Hari Kern and the late Ralph R. Edminster, M.D.** (Votapek, Mar. 27)
- **Michael and Paula Koppisch** (Zuber, Feb. 17)
- **Robert Last and Jill Canny** (MSU Federal Credit Union Jazz Artist in Residence, J. Clayton, Dec. 8; Jazz: Spirituals, Prayer and Protest Concert)
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- **Clare Mackey** (Pass a Good Time, Oct. 6; Oboe, Trumpet and Organ, Feb. 11)
- **Joseph and Jeanne Maguire** (A Jazzy Little Christmas)

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- **Gordon E. Miracle** (Votapek, Sept. 25; Helton, Oct. 31)
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- **Milton Powell, in memory of Sue Powell, accomplished pianist and organist** (Red Cedar Organ, Sept. 15)
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- **Joy A. Rimpau** (Tuba and Euphonium Alumni Concert, April 13)
- **Nancy and Charlie Seebeck** (MSU-Stanford Piano Quartet)
- **Michael and Elaine Serling** (A Celebration of the Beautiful Voice)
- **Leonard and Sharon Tabaka** (Jazz Spectacular Finale Concert)
- **TechSmith** (Celebrating the Spectrum)
- **Dr. Robert W. Uphaus and Dr. Lois M. Rosen** (Symphony Orchestra, Sept. 27; Woodward String Quartet, Mar. 13; Bagratuni, Mar. 31)
- **Linn Van Dyne and Mike Knox** (Symphony Orchestra, Feb. 7)
- **Barbara E. Wagner** (Wagner Chamber Music Competition)
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2/6 Thursday

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Cobb Great Hall, 7:30 p.m. \$

2/7 Friday

**Symphony Orchestra**

Cobb Great Hall, 8:00 p.m. \$

2/11 Tuesday

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**Flourishing Pipes: Oboe, Trumpet and Organ**

Alumni Chapel, 7:30 p.m. \$

2/12 Wednesday

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**Stanislav Khristenko, piano**

Cook Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. \$

2/14 Friday

MSUFCU Jazz Artist in Residence

**Jazz Nonets**

Murray, 8:00 p.m. \$\$

2/16 Sunday

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**Phil Sinder, tuba**

Cook Recital Hall, 3:00 p.m. \$

2/17 Monday

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**Eric Zuber, piano**

Cook Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. \$

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2/18 Tuesday  
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**Dmitri Berlinsky, violin**  
Cook Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. \$

2/19 Wednesday  
**Concert Band/Campus Band**  
Cobb Great Hall, 7:30 p.m. \$

2/20 Thursday  
Artist-Faculty and Guest Recital Series sponsored by WKAR  
**Nicolas Prost, saxophone**  
Cook Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. \$

2/20 Thursday  
**Concert Orchestra, “Movie Night”**  
Cobb Great Hall, 7:30 p.m. \$

2/21 Friday  
Artist-Faculty and Guest Recital Series sponsored by WKAR  
**Professors of Jazz**  
Murray Hall, 8:00 p.m. \$

3/11 Tuesday  
Taylor Johnston Early Music Series  
**“The Ghosts of Hamlet”**  
**Le Concert de l’hostel Dieu with Roberta Mameli, Soprano**  
Fairchild Theatre, 7:30 p.m. \$\$

3/13 Thursday  
MSUFCU Showcase Series  
**Woodward String Quartet**  
Fairchild Theatre, 7:30 p.m. \$\$\$

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