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# Ralph Votapek, piano

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Thursday, March 27, 2025  
Cook Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

# PROGRAM

Toccatà in E Minor, BWV 914 (1710)

[no tempo indication]

Un poco allegro

Adagio

Fuga: Allegro

Johann Sebastian Bach

(1685-1750)

The Seasons, Op. 37a (1875-1876)

January - At the Hearth

February - Carnival

March - Song of the Lark

April - Snowdrops

May - White Nights

June - Barcarolle

July - Song of the Reaper

August - The Harvest

September - The Hunt

October - Autumn Song

November - Troika

December - Christmas Waltz

Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky

(1840-1893)

Intermission

Dance, L.69 (1890)

Nocturne in D-flat Major, L.82 (1890)

Claude Debussy

(1862-1918)

Sonata No. 2 in D Minor, Op. 14 (1912)

Allegro, ma non troppo

Allegro marcato

Andante

Vivace

Sergei Prokofiev

(1891-1953)

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