

**Supported by City Music Foundation, pianist
Nikita Lukinov continues his 35-concert tour across
Scotland alongside three recitals in London**



Monday 25 November, 1pm
Armourers' Hall, London

Debussy *Images* 1
Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*
8 May, 2025
St Mary's Perivale

13 June, 2025
St James's Piccadilly

21 June, 2025
St Magnus Festival

"An extraordinary breadth of freedom of imagination"
Gramophone

With support from the City Music Foundation, pianist **Nikita Lukinov**, named a **2023 BBC Music Magazine Rising Star**, will give three London recitals in a busy concert season. Starting with a lunchtime concert of Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*, Debussy's *Images* Book 1 and Babadjanyan's 6 *Pictures* at **Armourers' Hall** on **Monday 25 November**, the Scottish-based pianist returns to London in the spring - **St Mary's Perivale in May** and **St James Piccadilly in June**. In addition to his

extensive **Scottish tour of 35 concerts this season**, Nikita has been invited to appear at **St Magnus Festival next summer**.

Nikita is senior tutor at Royal Conservatoire of Scotland specialising in overcoming technical challenges. In close collaboration with Live Music Now, Nikita has embarked on a 35-concert Scottish tour, spanning from the Scottish Borders to Cromarty and from Aberdeen to the Isle of Skye. Offering both a recital and chamber programme, he is performing Beethoven's Piano Concerto No.4 with string quartet with his own cadenzas, alongside different works including from Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*, *Night on a bald mountain*, Tchaikovsky/Pletnev *Sleeping Beauty*, Debussy's *Images* and Brahms' pieces from Op.118. As part of the tour, Nikita is visiting care homes and schools at many of the locations, bringing music to many socially-disadvantaged communities.

Nikita explains his passion for taking music to these small, intimate venues in far-flung locations across the country he now calls home:

"Scottish promoters jumped at the idea of bringing Beethoven's Piano Concerto No.4 to small venues. I improvise my own cadenza for this, as I grew up watching my father run the Jazz Province Festival in Russia where I was exposed to the greatest names in jazz – Keith Jarrett, Michel Petrucciani, Oscar Petersen, Herbie Hancock and Evgeny Lebedev. Depending on the piano to hand, I improvise some Scottish folk tunes, other times *Somewhere over the rainbow*, a bit of Frank Sinatra, anything that helps me to connect with the audience that day. It is an unbelievable feeling when people's eyes sparkle so joyfully and sincerely after the performances, and I know I contributed something truly valuable."

Nikita Lukinov



A disciple of the Russian Piano School, Nikita Lukinov started his musical education at the age of six in Voronezh, Russia. At 14, he won a full scholarship to study at the Purcell School in London, followed by a full scholarship at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland for his BA, MA and Artist Diploma Degree under Prof. Petras Geniusas. In June 2023, Nikita was awarded The Governors Recital Prize for the most outstanding end-of-year performance at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, culminating in the completion of his Master's Degree. The same month Nikita's debut CD was released with the KNS Classical label. He has now become the youngest senior staff member at his alma mater.

Nikita Lukinov has performed as a soloist in prestigious venues across the United Kingdom, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, France, Poland, Croatia, Germany and Russia. He has captivated audiences as a soloist in venues such as Wigmore Hall, Usher Hall, Southbank Centre, Palau de la Música, Fazioli Hall, Verbier Festival and Tchaikovsky

Conservatoire in Moscow. Additionally, both his live and studio performances have been broadcast by BBC Radio Scotland, BBC Radio 3 and Scala Radio.

In recent years, there were other notable performances at Steinway Hall London, National Liberal Club in London, Hastings International Piano Series, Verbier Festival 2021 and 2022, Jorquera Pianos in Barcelona, Girona Town Hall, British Institute in Florence, Steinway Hall Berlin and Vaduz Rathausaal in Liechtenstein.

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Selected Listings

25 November 1-2pm

Armourers' Hall, London

Debussy *Images* Book 1, Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*, Babadjanyan 6 *Pictures*

Ongoing Scottish recital tour: 35 recitals & outreach events

Programmes include: Brahms Op.118, Tchaikovsky/Pletnev *Sleeping Beauty*, Mussorgsky *Night on a bald mountain* / *Picture at an Exhibition*, Beethoven Piano Concerto No.4 and Babadjanyan 6 *Pictures* for Piano

9 & 10 December Inverness

Brahms Op.118, Mussorgsky *Night*, Beethoven 4

19 January Nairn Community and Arts Centre

Tchaikovsky, Mussorgsky *Pictures*, Beethoven 4

25 January – Isle of Skye

Debussy, Tchaikovsky, Mussorgsky *Pictures*

2 February – Edinburgh St Giles Cathedral

9 February – Market Drayton

Tchaikovsky, Babadjanyan, Mussorgsky *Pictures*

12 February Kirkcaldy

Debussy, Mussorgsky *Night*, Tchaikovsky, Babadjanyan Mussorgsky *Pictures*

15 & 16 February – Biggar

Debussy, Tchaikovsky, Babadjanyan, Mussorgsky *Pictures*

20 & 21 Falkirk

Mussorgsky *Pictures*, Beethoven 4

14 & 16 March – Aboyne

Debussy, Brahms, Babadjanyan, Mussorgsky *Pictures*

24 March – Perth

Debussy, Mussorgsky *Pictures*, Babadjanyan

28 March – Helensburgh

Debussy, Mussorgsky *Pictures*, Brahms

31 March – Aberdeen Fountainhall

Brahms, Debussy, Mussorgsky, Tchaikovsky

8 May 2025

St Mary's Perivale

13 June 2025

St James's Piccadilly

Summer 2025

St Magnus Festival

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