



Fryderyk

Chopin
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CHOPIN PIANO RECITALS

**in celebration of the
Year of Fryderyk Chopin 2010**

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**Consulate General
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in Toronto**

**Sunday, July 11, 2010 at 3 PM
2603 Lakeshore Blvd. West,
(East of Royal York and Lakeshore Blvd.)**

Leonard Gilbert



1st Prize winner of the Third Canadian Chopin Piano Competition 2010 and four time national first prize winner of the Canadian Music Competitions, 19 year old pianist **Leonard Gilbert** has been known for his sensitive touch and technical command. Native of Toronto, Canada, Leonard received private lessons from Canadian pianist Patricia Parr while attending the Claude Watson School for the Arts, graduating with the highest honors. Currently, he studies in the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University with distinguished professor Menahem Pressler.

In spring 2010, at the age of nineteen, Leonard dazzled audiences and judges of the Third Canadian Chopin Piano Competition and was awarded 1st prize as well as prizes for the “Best Mazurka” and “Best Polonaise”. Leonard also recently qualified in April of 2010 to compete in Stage I of the International Fryderyk Chopin Piano Competition to take place during fall 2010 in Warsaw, Poland. Major achievements include 3rd prize and the Paderewski prize at the International American Paderewski Competition (2010), 1st prize in the age 25 category of the Canadian Music Competitions (2009), prize winner for the “Best Performance of a Romantic Work” at the Toronto Symphony Orchestra Competition (2009), Rose Bowl and Grand Prize winner of the President’s trophy at the Kiwanis Music Festival (2008), winner of the Chopin trophy and Grand Prize at the Markham Music Festival (2008), and 2nd prize winner at the World Piano Competition in Cincinnati, Ohio (2006).

Leonard’s poetic and insightful playing has led him to perform extensively at concerts in Canada and abroad. He was spotlighted on Rogers television in summer 2009, and is currently featured in concerts at both the Canadian Chopin Festival and the American Chopin Foundation. In 2008, Leonard performed the Schumann Piano Concerto at George Weston Recital Hall, Toronto Center for the Arts, and was also invited to give a solo recital at Baptist University in Hong Kong, China. In 2007, he was a featured soloist with the Esprit Orchestra in Toronto.

In addition to both Music Dean’s and Indiana University’s Distinction Scholarships, Leonard was recently awarded the Leonard Hokanson Chamber Music Scholarship (October 2009) from Indiana University. Leonard is currently a designated Founder’s Scholar, one of the highest honors given to undergraduate students.

PROGRAM

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I

Etudes Op. 25 no. 5 in E minor and Op. 25 no. 11 in A minor

II

Nocturne Op. 27 no. 2 in D flat Major

III

Ballade No. 4 in F minor, Op. 52

Intermission

IV

Polonaise Fantasia Op. 61 in A flat Major

V

Waltz in A flat major Op. 42 in A flat Major

VI

"Heroic" Polonaise Op. 53 in A flat Major



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