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Pianist Zlata Chochieva to Perform at Parker Concert Hall

Brevard, NC — March 26, 2025 — Brevard Music Center will present pianist **Zlata Chochieva** in recital on **Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 7:30 PM** at **Parker Concert Hall**, an intimate venue renowned for its exceptional acoustics. The program will feature works by Bach, Schumann, Chopin, and Rachmaninoff, highlighting Chochieva's celebrated command of the keyboard and her deep connection to the Romantic repertoire.

Chochieva has been recognized for her technical mastery and interpretive depth. Her recording of the Chopin Études was named one of *Gramophone's* "10 Greatest Chopin Recordings," with critic Jeremy Nicholas praising it as "consistently inspired, masterfully executed, and beautifulsounding."

The program will open with Bach/Bartók's Organ Sonata in G major, followed by Schumann's Symphonic Etudes and Chopin's Scherzo No. 4. After intermission, Chochieva will perform selections from Rachmaninoff's Preludes, Op. 23 and Op. 32, as well as the Variations on a Theme of Corelli. The program will conclude with Mendelssohn/Rachmaninoff's Scherzo from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Program:

J.S. Bach/Bartók – Organ Sonata No. 6 in G major, BWV 530

Robert Schumann – Symphonic Etudes, Op. 13

Frédéric Chopin - Scherzo No. 4 in E major, Op. 54

Intermission

Sergei Rachmaninoff - Preludes, Op. 23 (Nos. 4, 7, 9, 10)

Sergei Rachmaninoff – Preludes, Op. 32 (Nos. 3, 5, 6, 8)

Sergei Rachmaninoff – Variations on a Theme of Corelli, Op. 42 (Variation Nos. 1–11)

Mendelssohn/Rachmaninoff – Scherzo from A Midsummer Night's Dream

Chochieva's 2024–2025 season includes her Carnegie Hall solo debut and her Paris orchestral debut with Marzena Diakun. She will also appear at Konzerthaus Berlin, Sala Verdi in Milan, Bechstein Hall in London, and Victoria Concert Hall in Singapore.

A Naïve Records artist, Chochieva's recent orchestral recording with the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, featuring works by Rimsky-Korsakov, Prokofiev, and Tsfasman, was released in October 2024 to great acclaim. Her recent solo album "Im Freien" was named "Editor's Choice" by *Gramophone* and earned a five-star review from *Musica* magazine.

Tickets are available at <u>brevardmusic.org</u> or by calling the **Brevard Music Center box office at** (828) 862-2105.

About Zlata Chochieva

Born in Moscow and now based in Berlin, Zlata Chochieva made her first stage appearance at the age of four and her orchestral debut at seven. A prizewinner at numerous international competitions, Chochieva has performed with major orchestras including the Russian National Orchestra, BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, and Copenhagen Philharmonic, and at leading venues such as Concertgebouw Amsterdam, Wigmore Hall, and Philharmonie de Paris.

Chochieva is the founder and artistic director of the International Festival at Rachmaninoff's estate in Ivanovka. In addition to her performing career, she has recently begun working in film scoring and speaks Ossetian, a language listed by UNESCO as vulnerable.

About Brevard Music Center

The Brevard Music Center (BMC) is one of the nation's premier summer music training programs and festivals, recently welcoming its largest and most diverse cohort yet—**over 1,000 gifted students from 22 countries and 49 states.**

Under the **artistic direction of Keith Lockhart**, BMC presents over **80 public performances**, **including symphony, opera, chamber music, jazz, bluegrass, and film with live orchestra**.

For nearly nine decades, BMC has provided exceptional training for young musicians, who study with principal players from major symphonies, Grammy-winning composers, and world-renowned conductors and soloists. Legendary artists such as **Yo-Yo Ma, Wynton Marsalis, Joshua Bell, Renée Fleming**, and **Béla Fleck** have performed on BMC's stages, reinforcing its tradition of musical excellence.

Beyond its celebrated summer festival, BMC's **Parker Concert Hall Series offers world-class performances year-round,** enriching the cultural landscape of the region. Learn more at <u>brevardmusic.org</u>.

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