



**3. CHOPIN FESTIVAL**  
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## PRESS RELEASE

### 3rd Chopin Festival Hamburg from June 11 to 13, 2021

**Hamburg's most important piano festival presents a »Special Edition« with live stream concerts from the *Museum für Kunst und Gewerbe Hamburg* and a master class**

The 3rd Chopin Festival Hamburg will take place as a »Special Edition« this year, presenting livestreamed concerts and an online master class from June 11 to 13, 2021. As the only festival in Germany, the Chopin Festival Hamburg places its artistic focus on the comparison of the sound worlds of modern and historical keyboard instruments, thus enabling extraordinary concert and listening experiences. The concerts will once again take place at the *Museum für Kunst und Gewerbe Hamburg*, which is making available the restored grand pianos from the time of Frédéric Chopin that are part of its collection, as well as the Hall of Mirrors. With the festival, the organizer, the *Chopin-Gesellschaft Hamburg & Sachsenwald e.V.*, wants to contribute to making the diverse sound possibilities of historical performance practice in piano music more widely known with outstanding artists. All concerts will be streamed live via [www.chopin-festival.de](http://www.chopin-festival.de), and the master class will also be available to watch online.

This year, five pianists and one harpsichordist will accept the invitation of festival director Hubert Rutkowski, who will personally open the festival with a duo piano recital together with Severin von Eckardstein. Mari Kodama, Tomasz Ritter, Menno van Delft and Stepan Simonian are the performers of the three other concerts. Concert pianist Dina Yoffe will lead a master class with students from the *Hochschule für Musik und Theater Hamburg* in the Shigeru Lounge of *Kawai Pianohaus Hamburg*, which will be streamed online to complement the concert program.

»We are extremely happy that the festival can take place in this special form, as we have had very positive experiences with the livestream format in recent months,« says Hubert Rutkowski, artistic director of the festival and president of the *Chopin-Gesellschaft Hamburg & Sachsenwald e.V.* »The artists we have been able to attract to the festival this year are very much looking forward to taking the audience into the sound world of the historic grand pianos in the Hall of Mirrors and in the Musical Instruments Collection of the *Museum für Kunst und Gewerbe*, and relating this to their interpretation on a modern Shigeru Kawai grand piano. I am convinced that pianists have by no means exhausted the possibilities of historical performance practice, and we want to make a contribution in this area.«

The four concerts will feature outstanding artists. The first will be on June 11, 2021, Severin von Eckardstein and Hubert Rutkowski, who will present a duo piano recital on two modern 2019 Shigeru Kawai grand pianos with works by Mozart, Chopin, Debussy, Rachmaninoff and Saint-Saëns. The second concert, on June 12, 2021, will offer a direct comparison of the sound worlds of a historic and a modern grand piano, with pianist Mari Kodama performing works by Chopin, Ravel, and Dutilleux on an 1880 Érard and a 2019 Shigeru Kawai. The »Noon Concert on the Pleyel

Grand Piano« on June 13, 2021, will feature pieces by Schubert, Beethoven and Chopin played by Tomasz Ritter on an 1847 instrument. The festival program will conclude with »Around Bach - Recital on Harpsichord and Grand Piano,« where Menno van Delft on the 1728 Zell harpsichord and Stepan Simonian on the 2019 Kawai grand piano will unfold a delightful contrast in sound.

Hubert Rutkowski also sees the livestream format of the »Special Edition« as a great opportunity to open up the Chopin Festival Hamburg more to new groups of visitors. Promoting music as a connecting element between generations and getting young people excited about classical music is also an important concern of ORLEN Germany. The company is the main sponsor of the *Chopin-Gesellschaft Hamburg & Sachsenwald e.V.* and has already been committed to the festival in previous years and is also supporting the »Special Edition« this year. »Classical music is an important piece of culture for ORLEN, as it connects old and young. That's why we support outstanding musical performances and classical music culture,« explains Dariusz Pawlik, Managing Director of ORLEN Deutschland GmbH and its star gas station brand. »Especially with new formats, such as livestream concerts, we specifically address the younger generation. Getting them excited about this style of music is an important concern for us.«

The concerts will take place at the *Museum für Kunst und Gewerbe Hamburg*, which is making its rooms and historic keyboard instruments available to the Chopin Festival Hamburg. The *Hochschule für Musik und Theater Hamburg*, *KAWAI Europa GmbH* and the *Hans Brökel Stiftung für Wissenschaft und Kultur* are supporting the 3rd Chopin Festival Hamburg as partners.

#### **FESTIVAL PROGRAM - LIVESTREAMS**

[www.chopin-festival.de](http://www.chopin-festival.de)

The livestreams of the concerts as well as the masterclass are free of charge.

#### **Friday, June 11, 2021**

##### **8:15 p.m. »Duo Piano Evening«**

Livestream from the *Spiegelsaal, Museum für Kunst und Gewerbe Hamburg*.

Severin von Eckardstein

Hubert Rutkowski

Shigeru Kawai SK7 (2019).

Works by W. A. Mozart, F. Chopin, C. Debussy, S. Rachmaninoff, C. Saint-Saëns

#### **Saturday, June 12, 2021**

##### **1:00 p.m. »Online Master Class with Dina Yoffe«**

Stream from the Shigeru Lounge, *KAWAI Pianohaus Hamburg*

##### **Dina Yoffe**

Students of the *Hochschule für Musik und Theater Hamburg*

Works by F. Chopin

#### **Saturday, June 12, 2021**

##### **8:15 p.m. »Sonata Evening: Chopin, Ravel and Dutilleux«**

Livestream from the *Spiegelsaal, Museum für Kunst und Gewerbe Hamburg*

##### **Mari Kodama**

Érard (1880) / Shigeru Kawai SK7 (2019).

Works by F. Chopin, M. Ravel, H. Dutilleux

**Sunday, June 13, 2021**

**1:00 p.m. »Noon Concert at the Pleyel Grand Piano«**

Livestream from the Collection of Musical Instruments, *Museum für Kunst und Gewerbe Hamburg*

**Tomasz Ritter**

Pleyel (1847)

Works by F. Schubert, L. v. Beethoven, F. Chopin

**Sunday, June 13, 2021**

**20:15 »Around Bach - recital on harpsichord and grand piano«**

Livestream from the Collection of Musical Instruments, *Museum für Kunst und Gewerbe Hamburg*

**Menno van Delft**

Harpsichord Zell (1728)

**Stepan Simonian**

Shigeru Kawai SK6 (2019).

Works by J. S. Bach, A. Vivaldi, F. Couperin, J. A. Reincken

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