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# **YUJA WANG OPENS THE LOUISVILLE ORCHESTRA'S 80<sup>TH</sup> SEASON WITH RACHMANINOFF'S FOURTH PIANO CONCERTO**

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Louisville, KY (8.17.17)... On Saturday, September 23, Teddy Abrams and the Louisville Orchestra open the 80<sup>th</sup> Season with classical music super star, Yuja Wang, performing Rachmaninoff's cinematic Fourth Piano Concerto. The program also includes Ford Lallerstedt's *Mumbo! Jumbo!* and Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony. The event takes place at the Kentucky Center's Whitney Hall at 8PM with an LO Concert Talks hosted by WUOL's Daniel Gilliam at 7PM in the Mary Anderson Room (free for ticket holders). The AFTER PARTY sponsored by King Southern Bank, will be held in the lobby immediately following the concert and is open to ticket holders. Single tickets are available by calling 502.584.7777 or visiting [LouisvilleOrchestra.org](http://LouisvilleOrchestra.org). Subscriptions of various sizes and price points are also still available by calling 502.587.8681 or online at [LouisvilleOrchestra.org](http://LouisvilleOrchestra.org).

A pianist that radiates palpable magnetism and a distinctly contemporary sensibility, Yuja Wang is an astounding artist whose awe-inspiring technique is matched only by her eloquence as a musician. She has established herself as an international sensation and a fixture among the world's leading orchestras, championed early on by preeminent Maestros including Gustavo Dudamel, Michael Tilson Thomas and the late Claudio Abbado. Ms. Wang has been named as Musical America's Artist of the Year 2017 and is one of today's most sought after soloists. Read her full bio here : <http://yujawang.com/>

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**Ford Lallerstedt's** *Mumbo! Jumbo!* was originally composed for organ and was orchestrated for this performance by Sebastian Chang. Dr. Lallerstedt is a professor at the Curtis Institute where he was an inspiration to both Teddy Abrams and Chang. Teddy said of his professor, "Remember the film *Dead Poets Society*? Lallerstedt is the real thing. He is able to unify the broadest ranges of core educational elements to inspire a creative individual. Teachers like him are rare; they have an enlightened insight that opens our minds to connections we've never considered. He deeply influenced and motivated me as a musician and human being."

Ford Lallerstedt	<i>Mumbo! Jumbo!</i> (Orchestrated by Sebastian Chang)
Sergei Rachmaninoff	Piano Concerto No. 4 in G Minor, Op. 40 (1941 version)
Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky	Symphony No. 5 in E Minor, Op. 64

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