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## **Stamford Symphony Conductor Eckart Preu's Last Concerts: 'Northern Lights'**

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After 12 memorable seasons together, the Stamford Symphony bids farewell to Eckart Preu at the April 8 and 9 concerts.



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Performances take place Saturday, April 8 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 9 at 3 p.m. at Stamford's Palace Theatre.

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As he always does, Maestro Preu will transport us with music! This time, to the northernmost point of Europe where we will experience Northern Lights.

Additionally, we welcome back pianist, Conrad Tao, who is also an Avery Fisher Career grant winner, composer, curator, and producer! He will perform Grieg's Piano Concerto in A minor.

### **The Program**

#### Program:

Sibelius *Finlandia*

Grieg Piano Concerto A minor, Conrad Tao, *piano*

Sibelius Symphony No. 5 in E-flat Major

#### [Program notes](#)

### **Meet Conrad Tao**

Conrad Tao has appeared worldwide as a pianist and composer, and has been dubbed a musician of “probing intellect and open-hearted vision” by the New York Times, a “thoughtful and mature composer” by NPR, and “ferociously talented” by Time Out New York.

In June of 2011, the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars and the Department of Education named Conrad a Presidential Scholar in the Arts, and the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts awarded him a YoungArts gold medal in music.

Later that year, Conrad was named a Gilmore Young Artist, an honor awarded every two years highlighting the most promising American pianists of the new generation. In May of 2012, he was awarded the prestigious Avery Fisher Career Grant.

During the 2014-2015 season, Conrad serves as the Dallas Symphony Orchestra's artist-in-residence, performing solo recitals, chamber music, and concertos.

He continues his formidable globe-trotting career as a pianist with performances with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, the National Symphony Orchestra of Malaysia, the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, the San Diego Symphony, and the Toronto Symphony, among others.

He also collaborates with the young musicians of the New York Youth Symphony, whose season he inaugurates in Carnegie Hall, and the Hawai'i Youth Symphony. In Europe, he will be returning to perform with the Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra in Stockholm, and the Bern Symphony in Switzerland. He also performs recitals in Europe and throughout the United States with repertoire ranging from Bach to Toru



Takemitsu to Julia Wolfe.

### **Ticket Information**

Tickets starting at \$25.

Palace Theatre Stamford adds an \$8.00 per ticket handling charge (Subscribers save \$5 per ticket on handling charges).

All sales final; no refunds or exchanges allowed. Artists, dates, times, prices, venues, subject to change.

AGE RESTRICTIONS: Unless listed as a Family or Children's event, most performances are intended for teens & adults. We welcome children under the age of 3 or 4 years old for family entertainment, but we do not recommend they attend more mature offerings.

Everyone, regardless of age, must have a ticket to enter the theatre.

*Editor's note: This event listing was compiled from a Stamford Symphony announcement and the Stamford Symphony [website](#).*