

# Piano Insiders

## An experience for the culturally curious

**Piano Insiders** gives you a glimpse inside the artistic world of the NJSO. As an Insider, you'll get a behind-the-scenes look at what goes into bringing great piano repertoire and artists to the stage.

Each Piano Insiders event includes exclusive access to artists. Buy them separately or get a pass for all three that includes concert ticket discounts:

### Reception and Encore Performance with Kirill Gerstein

Sun, Feb 26 after the 3 pm concert at MPAC in Morristown



Raise a glass and celebrate with guest soloist Kirill Gerstein and Music Director Xian Zhang after the NJSO's performance of Rachmaninoff's Second Piano Concerto. Following the concert, join us backstage for an encore performance by Gerstein, and an opportunity to meet him, Zhang and NJSO musicians. *Concert tickets sold separately. 50% discount available for Piano Insiders.*

### Rehearsal and Talk-back with Lukáš Vondráček

Wed, Mar 22 at 1:30 pm at NJPAC in Newark



Piano Insiders enjoy reserved box seating at the dress rehearsal of Shostakovich's First Piano Concerto. After the rehearsal, take your place on stage and join Vondráček and Music Director Xian Zhang for a discussion. Discover how the NJSO selects repertoire and artists, and hear about the life and career of this winner of the International Queen Elisabeth Piano Competition 2016.

### Conversation with Inon Barnatan

Wed, May 17 (location TBD)



As an Insider, you are invited to a private event with Inon Barnatan, an Israeli pianist celebrated for the unique approach, probing intellect and consummate artistry he brings to a broad range of repertoire. Barnatan currently serves as the first Artist-in-Association of the New York Philharmonic. He will entertain guests in a conversation in an intimate setting.

### PIANO INSIDERS 2017 Reservation Form

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Check enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to the NJSO



**BONUS!** Enhance your Piano Insiders experience with this can't-miss trip.

### Steinway & Sons Factory Tour and Private Recital at Steinway Hall

Tue, May 16

Bus departs Newark at 7:30 am for a 9:30 am tour

A one-of-a-kind Steinway & Sons NYC experience! Tour the working factory in Astoria where skilled artisans build Steinway pianos by hand. It's a fascinating process to see how the Steinway piano's incomparable sound is achieved and learn how the Steinway family is responsible for developing the modern piano into what it is today.



After the tour, enjoy lunch and a visit to the Steinway Hall in midtown. There, you'll tour the new flagship gallery space and be treated to a private recital by pianist Terrence Wilson.

Includes round-trip transportation from Newark, factory tour, gallery tour and recital, lunch and gratuities. More details on the reverse.

Piano Insiders purchases come with benefits exclusive to this program and are not applicable to 2016–17 Symphony Friends or Amadeus Circle membership benefits.



Number of tickets for Sun, Feb 26 in Morristown at \$50 each \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets for Wed, Mar 22 in Newark at \$50 each \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets for Wed, May 17 (location TBD) at \$75 each \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Piano Insiders 3-event Passes at \$150 each \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Steinway Tour Tickets at \$200 each \_\_\_\_\_

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For more information, contact Renee Pachucki, Senior Director of Patron Relations, at 973.735.1722 or rpachucki@njsymphony.org.

## About the Artists

### Inon Barnatan

As the inaugural Artist-in-Association of the New York Philharmonic, Barnatan appears as soloist in subscription concerts, taking part in regular chamber performances, and acting as ambassador for the orchestra. A recipient of both the Avery Fisher Career Grant and Lincoln Center's Martin E. Segal Award, Barnatan has performed extensively with many of the world's foremost orchestras.

### Kirill Gerstein

Multifaceted pianist Kirill Gerstein has rapidly ascended into classical music's highest ranks, and he has proven to be one of today's most intriguing and versatile musicians. His early training and experience in jazz have contributed an important element to his interpretive style, inspiring an energetic and expressive musical personality that distinguishes his playing.

### Lukáš Vondráček

Lukáš Vondráček made his first public appearance at the age of 4. His debut as a 15-year-old in 2002 with the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra and Vladimir Ashkenazy was followed by a major US tour in 2003. His natural and assured musicality and remarkable technical ability have long marked him as a gifted and mature musician.

## Steinway Tour Details

Please note the following conditions and restrictions for tour participants:

- The factory is large and the tour covers a significant area. Participants must be able to stand and walk for 1 ½ to 2 hours, including 3–4 flights of stairs.
- There is no seating or rest areas available on the shop floor.
- Canes, walkers and wheelchairs are not permitted on the tour.
- Individuals with pacemakers or similar devices will not be allowed on the tour. (Factory equipment may interfere with the device.)
- Tour participants will be exposed to dust and chemical odors.
- Photos and videos are not allowed in the factory.
- Children under the age of 16 are not permitted on the factory tour.
- Bus will depart from and return to the NJSO offices, located at 60 Park Place in Newark, one block from NJPAC.
- Parking will be available in the Military Park Garage. Daily rates apply.

### Terrence Wilson

Pianist Terrence Wilson has established a reputation as one of today's most gifted instrumentalists. A Montclair, NJ resident, Wilson has received numerous awards and prizes, including the SONY ES Award for Musical Excellence, an Avery Fisher Career Grant and the Juilliard Petschek Award.

### Xian Zhang

Conductor Xian Zhang began her critically anticipated tenure as NJSO Music Director in the 2016–17 season. Zhang is internationally renowned for "dynamic performances [that prove] hers is a name worth memorizing" (*The New York Times*) and "dynamism, agility and precision" (*The Telegraph*). WQXR placed her arrival in New Jersey in the top two of 2016's classical stories to watch, and *The Star-Ledger* calls the conductor "a thrilling leader who has already established a strong rapport with the orchestra."

## Piano Insiders Concert Discounts

Piano Insiders who purchase the three-event pass will receive a 50% off the purchase of tickets for any of the following NJSO concerts:

- Rachmaninoff's Second Piano Concerto—February 23, 24, 25, 26
- Zhang conducts Beethoven's Seventh—March 23, 24, 25, 26
- Season Finale with Zhang & Bronfman—June 8, 9, 10, 11