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Images of Valery Gergiev, Denis Matsuev, and the Mariinsky Orchestra are available for download from the Cal Performances [press room](#).

**CAL PERFORMANCES AT UC BERKELEY WELCOMES BACK
VALERY GERGIEV CONDUCTING THE MARIINSKY ORCHESTRA
WITH PIANIST DENIS MATSUEV
FOR TWO PROGRAMS FEATURING RUSSIAN MASTERWORKS
SATURDAY–SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4–5**

Berkeley, September 25, 2017 — Cal Performances at UC Berkeley welcomes back the formidable Mariinsky Orchestra, with guest soloist pianist Denis Matsuev, for two programs featuring Russian masterworks on Saturday November 4 at 8pm, and Sunday November 5 at 3pm in Zellerbach Hall. Under the direction of Valery Gergiev for nearly 30 years, the orchestra is among the oldest musical institutions in Russia, founded in the 18th century under Peter the Great and housed in St. Petersburg’s Mariinsky Theatre since 1860. Matsuev, winner of the Tchaikovsky Competition in 1998, has become one of the most prominent Russian pianists of his generation. The programs include two symphonies that met with harsh criticism by the Stalinist regime at the time of their

premieres in the late 1940s: Prokofiev's Sixth and Shostakovich's Ninth. Matsuev joins the orchestra for Prokofiev's Second Piano Concerto, and Rodion Shchedrin's Second Piano Concerto.

The concert on Saturday, November 4 at 8pm features Shostakovich's energetic and volatile Symphony No. 9, and Scriabin's Symphony No. 3 (*The Divine Poem*), a tone poem for orchestra. Matsuev tackles Prokofiev's athletic, challenging Piano Concerto No. 2. The concert on Sunday, November 5 at 3pm begins with Strauss' programmatic reflections on the pursuit of love, *Don Juan*, and concludes with Prokofiev's stylistically eclectic Symphony No. 6. Matsuev joins for Shchedrin's 12-tone Second Piano Concerto.

Ticket Information

Tickets for *Valery Gergiev and the Mariinsky Orchestra with Denis Matsuev* on Saturday November 4 at 8pm, and Sunday November 5 at 3pm in Zellerbach Hall range from \$40–\$125 (prices subject to change). Half-price tickets are available for UC Berkeley students. Tickets are available through the Ticket Office at Zellerbach Hall, at (510) 642-9988, at calperformances.org, and at the door. For more information about discounts, go to calperformances.org/discounts.

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CALENDAR EDITORS, PLEASE NOTE:

CAL PERFORMANCES PRESENTS

Saturday, November 4, 8pm
Sunday, November 5, 3pm

Zellerbach Hall
Bancroft Way at Dana Street
UC Berkeley campus

Orchestra
Mariinsky Orchestra
Valery Gergiev, conductor
Denis Matsuev, piano

Programs:
Saturday, November 4, 8pm
Shostakovich/Symphony No. 9
Prokofiev/Piano Concerto No. 2
Scriabin/Symphony No. 3, *The Divine Poem*

Sunday, November 5, 3pm
Strauss/*Don Juan*

Shchedrin/Piano Concerto No. 2
Prokofiev/Symphony No. 6

Tickets: \$40–\$125 (prices subject to change).

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