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Presents

Maurizio Pollini, piano

Sunday, April 8, 2018, 3pm — Symphony Hall

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(Boston) Celebrity Series of Boston will present [pianist Maurizio Pollini](#) on Sunday, April 8, 2018, at 3pm at Symphony Hall, 301 Gainsborough Street, Boston, MA. This performance is an Aaron Richmond Recital, endowed by Nancy Richmond Winsten and the late Dr. Joseph Winsten. Media partner is 99.5 WCRB.

Tickets start at \$40, and are available online at www.celebrityseries.org, by calling (617) 482-6661 Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m., or at Symphony Hall's Hall Box Office, 301 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, MA.

This performance marks Maurizio Pollini's 17th appearance with the Celebrity Series; his debut was in 1980, and he was seen most recently in 2014. All but one of these performances were solo recitals; in 1999, he appeared as the piano soloist with the Berlin Philharmonic under the baton of Claudio Abbado.

Maurizio Pollini is a paragon of virtuosity and musical excellence whose position among the top instrumental soloists has been secure for nearly a decade. He is particularly renowned for his innovative concert programs that champion works by contemporary composers and contrasts these with those of the Classical and Romantic eras. An exclusive Deutsche Grammophon artist for four decades, his recordings have won numerous awards, including Gramophone and Echo Awards, Diapason d'or, Record Academy Prize, Tokyo, and Stella d'oro, as well as two Grammy Awards.

Pollini was born in Milan on January 5, 1942. His father was the famous architect Gino Pollini, one of the leading representatives of Italian rationalism and also an expert violinist. His mother, Renata Melotti, studied piano and singing and was the sister of the well-known sculptor Fausto Melotti, who had a lasting influence on the young Pollini. In 1948 Maurizio Pollini received his first piano lessons from Carlo Lonati. From 1955 until 1959 he continued his studies with Carlo Vidusso and in 1958 he began to study composition with Bruno Bettinelli. In 1960 he was awarded first prize at the International Chopin Competition in Warsaw and appeared at La Scala playing Chopin's First Piano Concerto under Celibidache. Since then Pollini has become one of the most admired and respected pianists of our time and has appeared all over the world with leading orchestras and conductors.

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Program:

Chopin

Prélude, op. 45
Barcarolle, op. 60
Sonata, op. 35

Debussy

Préludes, Book II

About Celebrity Series of Boston

Celebrity Series of Boston was founded in 1938 by pianist and impresario Aaron Richmond. Over the course of its 79-year history, Celebrity Series has presented an array of the world's greatest performing artists, including Sergei Rachmaninoff, Arturo Toscanini, Ignace Paderewski, Artur Schnabel, Vladimir Horowitz, Glenn Gould, Fritz Kreisler, Jascha Heifetz, Isaac Stern, Andrés Segovia, Kirsten Flagstad, Marian Anderson, Luciano Pavarotti, Béla Bartók, Igor Stravinsky, Martha Graham, Ballet Russe De Monte Carlo, Mikhail Baryshnikov, Mstislav Rostropovich, and the New York City Opera Company.

From orchestras and chamber ensembles, vocal and piano music, to dance companies, jazz, spoken word, and more, Celebrity Series has been bringing great artists to Boston's major concert halls for nearly eight decades. The Celebrity Series of Boston believes in the power of excellence and innovation in the performing arts to enrich life experiences, transform lives and build better communities. Through its *Arts for All!* community programs, the Celebrity Series seeks to build a community of Greater Boston where the performing arts are a valued, lifelong, shared experience—on stages, in schools, at home— everywhere.

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