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Gifted Young Pianist Sara Daneshpour Featured In HPO's Masterworks Concert *Brahms, Britten & Tchaikovsky*

Hamilton, Ontario...The **Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra** is pleased to present an up-and-coming young talent in the second concert of the Masterworks series *Brahms, Britten & Tchaikovsky* on **Saturday, November 28th** at Hamilton Place. Featuring gifted 22-year-old pianist **Sara Daneshpour** and conducted by Music Director **James Sommerville** the programme includes **Tchaikovsky's** best-loved concerto, *Piano Concerto No. 1*, **Britten's** *Four Sea Interludes* and **Brahms' Symphony No. 1**.

Sara Daneshpour, a native of Washington DC, is a graduate of the **Curtis Institute of Music** studying under **Leon Fleisher**, and presently studies under the direction of **Dr. Oleg Volkov**. Ms. Daneshpour has been heard on stages of such prestigious venues as the **Kennedy Center** in Washington DC, **Carnegie Hall** in New York and at the **Great Hall of the Moscow Tchaikovsky Conservatory** in Moscow. She has also received many awards in international competitions, including 2nd prize at the 2007 **William Kapell International Piano Competition** in Maryland, 1st prize, Gold Medal, and the Audience Award at the 2007 **6th International Piano Competition** in San Jose, California, and a medal at the **Maria Canals International Piano Competition** in Barcelona.

Ms. Daneshpour's performances have earned high accolades of audiences and critics alike. *The Washington Post* wrote of her performance with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra "...she created transfixing poetry. And she found delightful details in passagework and incidents that other pianists treat as routine." *The Baltimore Sun* stated that Sara "delivered a powerhouse account of Tchaikovsky's Concerto No. 1 producing enough tone for two pianists in the process".

The pre-concert chat begins at 6:30pm and will be led by **Dr. Christian Teeuwsen**, Associate Professor of Music at **Redeemer University College**.

Concert programme includes:

Britten: Four Sea Interludes

Tchaikovsky: Piano Concerto No. 1

Brahms: Symphony No. 1

Performance Information for **Brahms, Britten & Tchaikovsky:**

Date + Time: Saturday, November 28 at 7:30pm
Pre-concert chat at 6:30pm

Ticket Prices: \$18 - \$57
Student tickets available for \$10

Venue: Hamilton Place, 1 Summers Lane

Tickets: In Person: HPO Box Office: 1002-105 Main Street East
Phone: 905-526-7756
Online: hpo.org; ticketmaster.ca

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