A LIFETIME OF PERFORMANCE:
VALENTINA LISITSA

Ukrainian pianist Valentina Lisitsa will be performing on Thursday, November 20, 2014 at 8:00 p.m. in Shannon Hall, Wisconsin Union Theater. Purchase tickets online or call the Box Office at 608-265-ARTS (2787). Tickets can also be purchased at either Vilas Hall (entrance on East Campus Mall, 821 University Avenue) or the box office in the Wisconsin Union Theater. Ticket prices are as follows. General Public: $45, $25; Wisconsin Union Members & Non UW-Madison Students: $40; UW-Madison Faculty & Staff: $42; UW-Madison Student (with ID): $10.

Lisitsa is no stranger to performance. Studying at the Lysenko Music for Gifted Children and the Kiev Conservatory, she performed a solo on stage for the first time when she was just four-years-old.

In 2012, The Daily Telegraph described her as “One of the internet’s great musical sensations.” Speaking more specifically about her performance, BBC Music Magazine described her thus in a 2012 article:
“With her multi-faceted playing described as ‘dazzling,’ Valentina Lisitsa is at ease in a vast repertoire ranging from Bach and Mozart to Shostakovich and Bernstein; her orchestral repertoire alone includes more than 40 concertos. She has a special affinity for the music of Rachmaninov and Beethoven and continues to add to her past repertoire in each session…With more than 62 million YouTube views and some 98,000 subscribers to her channel, Valentina Lisitsa is one of the most watched classical musicians on the internet, using digital innovation to champion classical music and performance.”

Lisitsa started practicing piano when she was just three-years-old. Fast-forward nearly 40 years, a first place prize in the Murray Dranoff Two Piano Competition and multiple tour dates and albums later, Lisitsa is now a classical pianist boasting international acclaim. Lisitsa’s strong YouTube presence landed her a spot in the Royal Albert Hall in 2012, and her first release with Decca Classics. She tours through Europe, North America, South America and beyond and has performed with the London Symphony Orchestra, Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra, the Orquestra Sinfonica Brasileria, Carnegie Hall, the Lincoln Center, Musikverein and Avery Fisher Hall, among others.

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