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Israeli Piano Star Inon Barnatan supports New Orleans music at Nocturne XIV benefit for MASNO, Nov. 20



Israeli pianist Inon Barnatan visits New Orleans, Nov. 20, for MASNO's **Nocturne XIV**, the annual concert and gala dinner that benefits the Musical Arts Society of New Orleans. Established in 1980, this Louisiana nonprofit supports music education, provides mentorships, manages the New Orleans International Piano Competition, and brings top classical artists to area stages.

Held at the Ritz-Carlton New Orleans, 921 Canal St., Nocturne XIV centers on an intimate performance by the world-touring Israeli star and includes a festive champagne reception and a multi-course gourmet dinner. Patron Level tickets provide additional rewards: preferred seating during the recital and a private reception with Barnatan after the dinner.

For Louisiana music lovers, Nocturne is a rare chance to hear one of the world's most in-demand keyboard artists. Barnatan has performed with many important orchestras, including those of Cleveland, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, and San Francisco. Awarded the prestigious Avery Fisher Career Grant in 2009, he enters his third and final season in 2016-17 as the New York Philharmonic's first Artist in Association. Barnatan's recordings are

critically acclaimed, and his album Darknesse Visible was named one of the “Best of 2012” by the New York Times.

Barnatan joins a distinguished list of keyboard stars and sponsors who support MASNO’s mission. MASNO’s signature events include New Orleans International Piano Competition, the New Orleans Piano Institute and Keyboard Festival, Concerto Showcase in collaboration with the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra, Nocturne, Salon Concerts, and MASNO Artist Masterclasses and Lecture Performances at area schools. Thousands of Louisiana student and concertgoers have attended MASNO events over the past 36 years. *Nocturne XIV is sponsored by the Arts Council of New Orleans, Hall Piano Company, Mignon Faget, Steinway and Sons, 89.9 WWNO, and The Ritz-Carlton, New Orleans.*

VIDEO: Watch Barnatan play Mendelssohn's *Rondo capriccioso*, a sparkling bravura piece, in the historic Steinway & Sons Factory in Astoria, Queens, surrounded by partially constructed grand pianos: <https://youtu.be/sWSY14E2QeI>

PRESS IMAGES: Download hi-res photos of Barnatan at inonbarnatan.com

NOCTURNE XIV

When: Sunday, November 20, 2016

5 p.m. - Champagne Reception

6 p.m. - Concert

7:30 p.m. - Sit-down Dinner

9 p.m. Patron and Artist Reception

Where: Ritz Carlton New Orleans, 921 Canal St.

Admission: Tickets are available at masno.org or by calling 504.899.4826. A portion of each purchase is tax deductible.

- General Tickets - \$200 each - include champagne reception, concert, and sit-down dinner
- Patron Level Tickets - \$500 each - include champagne reception, preferred seating at the concert, sit-down dinner and invitation to Patron and Artist Reception following the dinner
- Half Table (table of 5 general tickets) - \$1000 - includes champagne reception, concert, and sit-down dinner
- Full Table (table of 10 general tickets) - \$2000 - includes champagne reception, concert, sit-down dinner and invitation to Patron and Artist Reception following the dinner.

Support: Sponsorship opportunities are available. Many supporters purchases tickets for area musicians and music students. Such purchases are fully tax deductible. Please contact Cara McCool Woolf at director@masno.org or 504.899.4826 for more information about sponsorship.