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An Evening with Pianist PAUL DYKSTRA
& Featuring Cellist JACQUES LEE WOOD
Saturday, May 16th at 7:30pm
South Church, 292 State St, Portsmouth, NH 03801

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Pianist PAUL DYKSTRA will perform solo iconic piano pieces by Bach, Scarlatti, Chopin, and all three movements of Beethoven's "Moonlight" Sonata at South Church in Portsmouth, NH on Saturday, May 16th at 7:30pm.

This concert celebrates PAUL DYKSTRA and his 20 years of remarkable work as a Concert Pianist, Collaborative Pianist, Recording Artist, and Teacher while he was based in Portsmouth, NH.

Mr. Dykstra says he "looks forward to reconnecting and connecting with friends old and new this spring!"

On the second half of the concert Cellist JACQUES LEE WOOD joins Mr. Dykstra in performing Rachmaninoff's Cello Sonata in G Minor, a preeminent work in the cello repertoire including co-equal parts between piano and cello.

Making his return to the Seacoast for this concert after some five years, Paul is no stranger to the New England or the Seacoast Music scene, having spent two decades here performing, teaching, and collaborating with among the finest musicians in the country.

Locally, Paul Dykstra is also well known for his several performances in the former Abendmusik Fine Arts Concert Series in Rye and for his performance as the soloist for Tchaikovsky's famous Piano Concerto for the inaugural concert of Great Bay Philharmonic Orchestra at The Music Hall in Portsmouth, in 2018.

A finalist for the American Prize Concerto Competition in 2017, Paul is presently based in British Columbia, Canada and continues his career as a concert artist, recording artist, teacher, Festival Adjudicator and collaborative artist throughout North America. A product of the University of Alberta's Piano Performance program, he studied with Helmut Brauss, and received the highest Silver Medal with Western Board Associateship examinations in Piano Performance and Pedagogy. He is a member of the Royal Conservatory of Music College of Examiners since 2011.

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Boston-based Jacques Lee Wood is a highly sought after cellist in New England and has concertized throughout the world. Dr. Wood is principal cellist of Great Bay Philharmonic Orchestra including in the recent performance of Elgar's Cello Concerto with soloist Yo-Yo Ma. He has performed in several Great Bay Philharmonic String Quartet performances. Jacques Lee Wood also serves as the Principal Cellist of Cape Symphony and frequently collaborates with distinguished ensembles such as A Far Cry, Yale Schola Cantorum, Boston Baroque, and Bach Collegium Japan.

"South Church's venerable ambiance and great acoustics will enhance this exciting chamber music experience. Pianist PAUL DYKSTRA and Cellist JACQUES LEE WOOD will perform superb pieces from across many eras and styles for a perfectly balanced program of world-class music making!"

David Wold, Executive Director and Producer

TICKETS ON SALE NOW AT PortsmouthNHTickets.com

ADULTS \$30 / SENIORS \$25 / STUDENTS \$20

CHILDREN 12 and under FREE accompanied by an adult

(We kindly recommend that children be at least 6 years old)

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