

MEDIA RELEASE

Russian Piano Star ASO Bound!

Fresh from sharing the concert stage with one of the worlds hottest, youthful and in demand conductors, Gustavo Dudamel, Russian piano 'young gun' Kirill Gerstein is headed to the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra in September.

Kirill Gerstein will perform Brahms Piano Concerto No.1 with the **Adelaide Symphony Orchestra** on **Friday 26 September, 8.00pm** and **Saturday 27 September, 6.30pm** at **Adelaide Town Hall**. Already recognised for his deeply musical interpretations and masterful technique, Kirill Gerstein was the First Prize winner at the 2001 Arthur Rubinstein Piano Competition in Tel Aviv, was chosen to receive a 2002 Gilmore Young Artist Award, and, most recently, was selected as Carnegie Hall's "Rising Star" for the season 2005/06.

Kirill Gerstein was born in 1979 in Voronezh, Russia where he attended one of the country's special music schools for gifted children. He won his first competition - the International Bach Competition in Gorzuw, Poland - at the age of 11 and over the next several years, attended jazz workshops after having taught himself to play jazz by listening to his parents' extensive record collection.

Gerstein recently made his San Francisco Symphony Orchestra debut with young international conductor sensation Gustavo Dudamel. Press as far and wide as the London Financial Times cited Gerstein as a pianist "with prodigious technical resources and undeniable flair".



"Gerstein's performance...was prodigious - a word which, applied to Gerstein means abnormally good."
The Mercury News

Click here to view a You Tube clip of Gerstein performing Brahms Piano Concerto in D minor, conducted by Gustavo Dudamel <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uKVRQXLPdHk>

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