

# Secret Garden Concerts

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**Classical Movements**

**The Romantics in the  
Secret Garden:  
Beethoven's "Moonlight" Sonata**  
Thursday, May 19 | 5pm, 6:30pm

**Vijay Venkatesh, piano**

**Sonata No.2, Op. 35**

Frédéric Chopin  
(1810-1849)

**Intermezzi, Op. 118**

No. 2, Intermezzo in A major  
No. 3, Ballade in G minor

Johannes Brahms  
(1833-1897)

**Impromptu**

Clara Schumann  
(1819-1896)

**Sonata, Op. 27, No. 2, "Moonlight"**

Ludwig van Beethoven  
(1770-1827)

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## **VIJAY VENKATESH**

Hailed by the Herald-Tribune for his “dazzling pianism verging on the impossible, effortless technical command and authority with a sense of poetry and refinement that belies his years,” Indian-American pianist **Vijay Venkatesh** has been recognized on three continents as a pianist with profound musicianship, sparkling pianism and an innate sense of partnership.

Vijay has rapidly established a major international reputation as top prizewinner in the San Jose, Seattle, Zimmerli, World Piano, and Waring International Piano Competitions. He has also been named a Davidson Fellow Laureate at the Library of Congress, USC Thornton's Discovery Scholar, Grand Prize Winner of the Los Angeles Music Center's Spotlight Awards and featured on NPR's “From the Top” with host Christopher O'Riley.

Highlights of Mr. Venkatesh's recent and upcoming season include debuts with the Pasadena Symphony and Joseph Young in Mozart's Concerto No.20, the Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra with Eckart Preu and Bangor Symphony with Lucas Richman in Clara Schumann's Concerto, the LaGrange Symphony with Richard Prior in Beethoven Concerto No.5, and at Le Salon Musiques in Chopin's Concerto No.2.

Additionally, Venkatesh has solo recitals and chamber music with Vienes Piano Duo at the Naples Grand Piano Series, DaCamera Society, Cerritos Performing Arts Center, Classical Movements, Lancaster Performing Arts Center, Camerata Musica, the Music Guild, Muzewest, Sarasota Artists Series, Second City Chamber Series, Crystal Theatre, Irvine Performing Arts Center, and a concert tour of India through the South Asian Symphony Foundation.

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Myriam Phiro with Nuage Rhythm

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Musicians from the Prague Summer Nights Young Artists Music Program

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With the Coalition for African Americans in the Performing Arts

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