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## Shura Cherkassky

*Pianist*

TUESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 26, 1985, AT 8:00  
RACKHAM AUDITORIUM, ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

### PROGRAM

- Organ Fantasy and Fugue in G minor, B.W.V. 542 ..... BACH/LISZT  
Sonata in C major, Op. 53 ("Waldstein") ..... BEETHOVEN  
    Allegro con brio  
    Introduzione: adagio molto  
    Rondo: allegretto ben moderato, prestissimo

### INTERMISSION

- Fantasia in F minor, Op. 49  
Nocturne in E major, Op. 62, No. 2  
Mazurka in B minor, Op. 33, No. 4  
Mazurka in C-sharp minor, Op. 63, No. 3  
Andante spianato et Grande polonaise brillante  
in E-flat major, Op. 22
- } ..... CHOPIN

*Decca, Vox, Deutsche Grammophon, Oiseau-Lyre, HMV, Tudor, and Nimbus Records.*



## About the Artist

Born in Odessa in 1911, Shura Cherkassky is acclaimed as one of the greatest pianists in the grand Romantic tradition of Liszt, Rubinstein, Rachmaninoff, and Hofmann. During his youth he immigrated to the United States and studied in Philadelphia with the renowned Josef Hofmann, a pupil of Anton Rubinstein. His debut concert tour in 1923 included appearances with Walter Damrosch and the New York Symphony and a command performance at the White House for President Warren G. Harding.

Shura Cherkassky's enormous popularity in Germany and Austria sprang from his first major European tour in 1946, when a concert in Hamburg established him as one of the leading pianists of the day. All over Europe, Cherkassky has his following of enthusiastic admirers, from Scandinavia to the Mediterranean. He regularly performs at the prestigious music festivals of Europe, including those of London, Edinburgh, Salzburg, Bergen, Zagreb, and Vienna, and has collaborated with some of today's most distinguished conductors: Comissiona, Dorati, Giulini, Haitink, Karajan, Kempe, Leinsdorf, Navarro, Shostakovich, Boult, and Solti.

Now at the pinnacle of a remarkable career, Shura Cherkassky's appearances encompass the entire musical world. In addition to Europe, he has made several tours throughout the Far East, including China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Thailand, and Japan. He has also toured Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and India. His triumphant return to his native Russia in 1976 had great emotional significance for him, and he was re-invited for a subsequent tour in 1977.

In the United States, highlights of the artist's current season include performances with the orchestras of St. Louis, Cincinnati, Detroit, Washington, Indianapolis, and Syracuse, as well as New York's "Y" Chamber Symphony, the latter marking his fifteenth appearance in nine seasons on the distinguished series of the 92nd Street Y's Kaufmann Concert Hall. Recital appearances include this evening's concert, his first in Ann Arbor, a performance in Toronto's Roy Thomson Hall, and his return to New York's Carnegie Hall.

Though an international artist might be expected to remain stationary during his holidays, Cherkassky's passion for travel has taken him to Afghanistan, Thailand, Israel, Egypt, the Greek Islands, Northern Europe, the South Pacific, Latin and South America, Siberia, and China.

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December 6, 7, & 8, in Hill Auditorium

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Donald Bryant, *Conductor*

The University Choral Union and University Symphony members

Kathryn Bouleyn, *Soprano*      Carroll Freeman, *Tenor*

Mary Wescott, *Contralto*      William Parker, *Bass*

*Tickets from \$3 to \$8*

#### Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker" Ballet

December 13, 14, & 15, in Power Center

Friday & Saturday at 8:00; Saturday & Sunday at 2:00

The Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre  
with over 60 local children participating

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