

## **Pianist Orli Shaham in Recital – A Berkshire Bach Fundraiser**

Great Barrington: The Berkshire Bach Society opens its 2022-2023 season on July 9, 2022 at 3 pm, with distinguished pianist and Regular Guest Host and Creative of NPR's From the Top, Orli Shaha performing Mozart and more in a private residence in Hillsdale, NY.

"We were thrilled when Orli Shaham agreed to perform for us," said Terrill McDade, Interim Executive Director of The Berkshire Bach Society. "Not only is she one of the finest pianists of her generation, but sh is also someone who relates to multiple generations of listeners, from the newest to the most established audiences, making classical music engaging, vital, and relevant. We love that—she is thoroughly compelling!"

Born in Israel and raised in New York City, Shaham attended the Pre-College Division of The Juilliard School and went on to participate in the Barnard-Columbia-Juilliard exchange during her undergraduate studies. After earning a Bachelor's degree, she continued at Columbia, studying historical musicology and

launching her professional performance career with violinist (and brother) Gil Shaham before going out on her own as a piano soloist. In 2022 she joined the piano faculty of The Juilliard School. Along the way she joined the ranks of elite pianists performing today and demonstrated her talent for creative media programming, bridging the gap between music lovers and professional musicians in her program for the Classic Public Radio network, Dial a Musician, in which she literally called friends and colleagues to answer listeners' questions. Or the popular series in Bach's Yard, which introduces the under-five crowd to classical

music, her guest hosting of From the Top for high school musicians, and Café Ludwig, her collaboration with the Pacific Symphony that explores how composers influenced each other and changed the course of chamber music—while enjoying coffee and decadent desserts.

Shaham recently completed recording the complete Mozart Piano Sonatas, with release of the final volumes through this year, adding to her recordings of the Mozart Piano Concertos with the St. Louis Symphony and

making her something of a Mozart specialist. But there is much more to her performance repertoire than Mozart. She is a master of 18 th -, 19 th -, and even 20 th -century piano music, bringing an innate and sympathetic understanding to familiar (and less familiar) works that in her performances give them new life. Her recita for Berkshire Bach includes Liszt channeling Bach, Chopin, Clara Schumann, George Perle, and—of course—Mozart.

Come join The Berkshire Bach Society for our Fundraiser and hear Orli Shaham play works by composers who came after Bach but who are indebted to his legacy. The event is followed by a reception and an opportunity to meet the artist.

Tickets on sale now at [www.berkshirebach.org/events](http://www.berkshirebach.org/events). All seats \$75. Directions to the venue sent upon receipt of confirmed reservation and ticket purchases.