

## KEVIN AHFAT, Piano

As a pianist that “leaves no question about his riveting presentation and technical finesse” (Seattle Times), Canadian-born pianist **Kevin Ahfat** is acclaimed to be “poised to become one of the young heirs of the classical piano realm, with a bold, boundary-pushing, millennial style matched by refined execution” (Vanguard Seattle).



In 2018, Ahfat was named one of CBC Music’s *30 hot Canadian classical musicians under 30* and subsequently released a live recording of Brahms from CBC’s Studio 211.

Highlights of recent seasons include a return to the Seattle Symphony for its Shostakovich Concerto Festival, the North American Premiere of Saint-Saëns’ Third Sonata for Cello and Piano, and a partnership with Richard Alston & Juilliard Dance in their recreation of Alston’s *Sheer Bravado*.

Ahfat completed principal studies at the Juilliard School in New York with Stephen Hough & Joseph Kalichstein, and recently returned to his hometown of Toronto as a Rebanks Fellow in-residence at the Royal Conservatory.