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PROFESSIONAL ARTIST SERIES | 2023-24



*Ronaldo Rolim,
piano*

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Established in 1984, the Jacobsen Series features performances by School of Music faculty members, students, alumni, and guest artists for the university and the community. The series is named in honor of Leonard Jacobsen, professor of piano and chair of the piano department at Puget Sound from 1932 to 1965 and consists of theme-related concerts presented between September and April each academic year.

The Jacobsen Series Scholarship Fund awards annual music scholarships to outstanding student performers and scholars. This fund is sustained entirely by season subscribers and individual ticket sales. University of Puget Sound wishes to recognize and thank our many patrons whose support has assisted worthy students and has contributed to this successful series.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2023–224

Seren Hawtrey '24 and Annie Hochberg '25
Sigma Alpha Iota

As this year's scholarship award winners, we are delighted to represent the Sigma Alpha Iota (SAI) International Music Organization at the 2023–24 Jacobsen Series performances. Our involvement in SAI allows us to participate in a long and honorable history of missions that demonstrate our passion for music, and to promote music and music service to the local community and beyond.

Through our rose sales, receptions, and *FaculTea* events, we help foster appreciation and community at Puget Sound as we celebrate our faculty artist-musicians. Proceeds from Jacobsen Series ticket sales allow our fraternity to continue supporting SAI Philanthropies, a non-profit organization that benefits music programs such as The Music Therapy Project and People-to-People.

We hope you enjoy this season's Jacobsen Series. Thank you for joining us, and for your support!

Sincerely,

Seren and Annie

RONALDO ROLIM, PIANO

Jan. 24, 2024, Schneebeck Concert Hall

PROGRAM

Four Impromptus, D.935.....Franz Schubert (1797—1828)

No.1, in F minor: Allegro moderato

No.2, in A-flat major: Allegretto

No.3, in B-flat major: Andante

No.4, in F minor: Allegro scherzando

Piano Sonata No.7, Op.64, "White Mass".....Alexander Scriabin (1872—1915)

INTERMISSION

Three Visions.....William Grant Still (1895—1978)

Dark Horsemen

Summerland

Radiant Pinnacle

Fantasy in C major, Op.17.....Robert Schumann (1810—1856)

Durchaus fantastisch und leidenschaftlich vorzutragen

Mässig. Durchaus energisch

Langsam getragen. Durchweg leise zu halten

Reception following the program in the Schneebeck Concert Hall lobby.

BIOGRAPHY

With “a special ability to present touching interpretations” (*El Norte*), Brazilian pianist **RONALDO ROLIM** has performed extensively over four continents, in venues such as Carnegie Hall, Zurich’s Tonhalle, London’s Wigmore Hall, the Great Hall of the Liszt Academy in Budapest, and Beijing’s National Centre for the Performing Arts. Acclaimed for his “consummate elegance” (*New York Concert Review*) and “mastery of phrasing and dynamics” (*Oberbaselbieter Zeitung*), he is a Winner of the 2017 Astral National Auditions and has captured top prizes at numerous prestigious international competitions, including the Géza Anda, James Mottram, Bösendorfer, San Marino, Lyon, and Teresa Carreño competitions. In 2019, Rolim released his latest album on Odradek Records, ***Szymanowski - The Wartime Triptychs***, devoted to the programmatic works the Polish composer wrote during World War I. *Diapason* magazine considers Rolim “an ideal guide to [Szymanowski’s] magic world”, whereas *Classica* magazine hails his “clear but thunderous pianism”. The album’s topic was discussed extensively in Rolim’s doctoral thesis, completed in 2016 at Yale University.

In the 2022-23 season, Rolim performs as guest soloist, recitalist and chamber musician in Switzerland, Poland, the United Kingdom, Brazil and the United States. Recent guest soloist performances include Ravel’s G major Concerto and Falla’s *Noches en los Jardines de España* with the Minas Gerais Philharmonic, Beethoven’s Concerto No. 5 with the Louisiana Philharmonic and on a tour of Germany with Ukraine’s Lviv Philharmonic Orchestra, Grieg’s Concerto with the European Philharmonic Orchestra of Switzerland and the Brazilian Symphony, Liszt’s Concerto No.1 and Schumann’s Concerto with the Youth Orchestra of Bahia, and Brahms’ Concerto No. 1 with the Symphony Orchestra of the St. Petersburg State Academic Capella. Other recent engagements include performances at the Septembre Musical Festival in Montreux, Switzerland, a chamber music recital at New York’s Merkin Hall with members of the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, Chausson’s Concerto with the São Paulo String Quartet, a celebration of the 150th anniversary of the birth of Enrique Granados with performances of the composer’s complete *Goyescas* in venues in the U.S., Europe, and Brazil, and an appearance in Bernstein’s *Age of Anxiety* in the Bernstein Centenary Festival hosted by the Minas Gerais Philharmonic.

Rolim has performed with the Tonhalle Orchester Zürich, Musikkollegium Winterthur, Concerto Budapest, Phoenix Symphony, and the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, as well as many of Brazil’s foremost ensembles. A frequent presence at international music festivals, he has been featured in solo recitals and chamber music performances at Ravinia, Rio Folle Journée,

Accademia Musicale Chigiana, Musikdorf Ernen, Académie Musicale de Villecroze, and the Kingston, Walla Walla and Crescent City Chamber Music Festivals. His performances have been featured in radio broadcasts in Brazil (Radios MEC and Cultura), the United States (Spokane Public Radio and WBJC Baltimore), and Europe (Radios SWR 2, BBC 3, Rai 3, and France Musique). He also has been featured in several television programs in his home country, including Brasil Piano Solo, a series of recitals dedicated exclusively to Brazilian music, presented by the TV Cultura Channel. He has also participated in the documentary *Magda Tagliaferro: A World Inside The Piano*, in which he performed music of Scriabin.

A passionate advocate of chamber music, Rolim was a founding member of Trio Appassionata, which during 15 years of activities cultivated multiple projects such as tours of the United States, Europe, Brazil and China, a strong commitment to community engagement, and the release of the album ***gone into night are all the eyes***, dedicated to piano trios by American composers. Rolim is a frequent chamber music collaborator to ensembles such as the Aizuri, Jasper, Guimarães and São Paulo string quartets, and has performed with members of the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Baltimore Symphony, the Brazilian Symphony, Ensemble Connect, and Bronx Arts Ensemble.

Ronaldo Rolim began musical studies with his mother, Miriam Correa, and gave his first public performance at the age of 4. He was admitted to the Magda Tagliaferro School in São Paulo as a student of Zilda Candida dos Santos and Armando Fava Filho. After winning the Nelson Freire and the Magda Tagliaferro national piano competitions at the age of 18, he moved to the United States, where he studied with Flavio Varani at Oakland University (Michigan), Benjamin Pasternack at the Peabody Conservatory, and Boris Berman at the Yale School of Music. Rolim has just been appointed assistant professor of piano at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Wash., as well as pianist of the Puget Sound Piano Trio.

UPCOMING SCHOOL OF MUSIC EVENTS

All events are free unless noted otherwise. Most performances are broadcast at pugetsound.edu/schneebecklive.

Tickets available at tickets.pugetsound.edu, in the Logger Store, or at the door.

SUNDAY, JAN. 28

33RD Annual Bethel Schneebeck Organ Recital

Wyatt Smith, organist
Kilworth Memorial Chapel, 2 p.m.

MONDAY, FEB. 5

The Musical Legacies of Phenomenal Women of Color Lecture Recital and Q&A with guest artist Michelle Cann, piano

Master class at 1:30 p.m. | Recital at 7:30 p.m.
Schneebeck Concert Hall

FRIDAY, FEB. 9

Jacobsen Series: Striking Music

Seattle-based percussion ensemble with Puget Sound's Department of Art and Art History, designer Mare Hirsch
Schneebeck Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m. | Tickets required
(Free for Puget Sound and K-12 students)

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14

Jazz Orchestra with guest artist Diane Schuur

Tracy Knoop, director
Schneebeck Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m. | Tickets required

MONDAY, FEB. 19

Library at Noon Series

Various student performers
Collins Memorial Library, noon (sack lunch welcome)

TUESDAY, FEB. 20

Symphony Orchestra

Anna Jensen, conductor; with Jack Kuntz '26, piano
Schneebeck Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.

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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that this event takes place on the ancestral territory of the Puyallup Tribe and the Lushootseed-speaking people, whose relationship with the land continues to this day.

We respectfully acknowledge and honor the history and presence of Indigenous students, staff, and faculty here at Puget Sound. We who are guests on this land offer our gratitude for the opportunity to make music together here.

The School of Music strives to recognize, include, and respect all of the peoples and musical traditions that make up our community.

The School of Music at University of Puget Sound, situated within a nationally recognized liberal arts university, prepares students to be broad-minded, creative, arts-aware social leaders. We attract highly engaged student musicians and empower them to create the diverse musical offerings and effective educational programs of the future.

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