A winner of numerous awards including the First Place at the Porto International Piano Competition and the prize for Best Canadian Artist at the Montréal International Musical Competition, **Sergei Saratovsky** is recognized both in Canada and abroad as “a player of gargantuan proportions” and a “pianiste extraordinaire.” This exceptional and versatile performer has a gift to take audience on a breathtaking voyage through the essence of music to the essence of beauty. The artist touches listeners with the sensitivity of his interpretations and impressive technique; his energy, focus and musicianship blend into a spectacular tour de force in performance.

Sergei Saratovsky has performed for audiences in Russia, Europe, Australia, and North America, and has been the featured artist on radio and television broadcasts aired across the world. His concert engagements have included appearances with the European, Canadian, and Russian orchestras such as Portugal National and Chamber Orchestras, Orchestre Métropolitain du Grand Montréal, Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, Symphony Nova Scotia, Orchestre symphonique de Laval, Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, and the State Symphony Orchestra of Karelia in his native Russia.

His fascination with chamber music has led the artist to establish a four-hand piano duo with his younger brother Nikolai Saratovsky, an internationally acclaimed pianist (Moscow-Taipei). Their dynamic ensemble has performed in Russia and completed two concert tours of British Columbia.

In addition to his performing career, Saratovsky enjoys giving master classes and is in demand as a guest clinician and jury member of international and national competitions and festivals. After the completion of the doctoral studies, he has continued his scholarly research activities through journal publications and participation in the international conferences. Currently, Saratovsky serves as Co-Chair of the Piano Department at the VSO School of Music where he mentors and guides the advanced students in their musical studies.

Sergei Saratovsky was born in a family of musicians in Karelia, Russia. He received his university education at the Petrozavodsk State Conservatory of Music, graduating with a Bachelor of Music Degree in Piano Performance in 2004. Saratovsky became a resident of Canada in 2002. He completed a Master of Music Degree in Piano Performance with Alexander Tselyakov at Brandon University, where in 2006 he received the gold medal for academic excellence and graduated with Greatest Distinction. In 2012, Sergei Saratovsky was granted the degree of Doctor of Musical Arts at the University of British Columbia where he had studied with Jane Coop.