



Sonja Radojkovic.

Virtuoso pianist at The Gallery

Relaxed travel restrictions from Serbia are to Akaroa's advantage when on Sunday September 5 the Orion Powerhouse Gallery will present a piano recital by the visiting concert pianist Sonja Radojkovic.

Sonja, who was born in Belgrade, completed her studies at the Faculty of Music Arts there, and after graduation went to the Tchaikovsky Conservatoire in Moscow, obtaining her Master's degree two years later.

She returned to Belgrade to continue her studies with Professor Arbo Valdmann, again obtaining a Master's degree.

He said of her "The harmonious nature of her musical personality and rich, outstanding abilities for piano playing speak of the great potential of this artist."

Sonja has won many competitions and now, with the relaxation of travel restrictions, pursues an active career as an

international soloist.

She played in a short tour of New Zealand's North Island last year to rave reviews and standing ovations.

"Her performance of these masterpieces reflected great virtuosic power and technical control as she explored their inner depths with sensitivity and an eye for detail" one reviewer said.

Following such accolades, Akaroa is fortunate to have the opportunity to hear some of the great works of the piano repertoire, including Beethoven's Waldstein Sonata, dedicated in 1804 to Beethoven's patron Count Waldstein, and Chopin's B minor Sonata written forty years later when he was living with the novelist George Sand. A Bach Toccata and Fugue and Dances by Mokranjac complete what promises to be an exciting and vivid experience from this virtuoso pianist.

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