### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

JAZZ BAND III

Monday, April 17, 7:30 p.m. Bengtson Auditorium, Russell Hall

PERCUSSION STUDIO CONCERT

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 8 P.M. DAVIS HALL, GBPAC

STUDENT COMPOSERS CONCERT

Wednesday, April 19, 8 p.m. Davis Hall. GBPAC

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## School of Music University of Northern Iowa

# EDISHER SAVITSKI, PIANO

#### **PROGRAM**

Sonata in F Major, Hob. XVI:23 . . . . . . . . . . Joseph Haydn Allegro (1732-1809)

Adagio

Finale. Presto

#### INTERMISSION

Sonata #3 in B minor, Op. 58 . . . . . . Frédéric Chopin Allegro maestoso (1810-1849)

Scherzo: Molto vivace

Largo

Finale: Presto non tanto

#### ABOUT OUR GUEST ARTIST

Pianist **Edisher Savitski** has enjoyed critical acclaim throughout his career: "As each of Savitski's convulsive trills and ominous chords would hang in the air, it became clearer that indeed something special was happening. We will be lucky to hear Scriabin played anywhere near this powerfully any time soon" (Jack Walton, South Bend Tribune). "The piano of Edisher Savitski prays, laments and also makes joyful sounds; This amazing Georgian simply takes off to the sky!" (Hanuh Ron, Yediot Akhronot, Israel).

He has been appearing as a soloist with: Mariinsky Theatre Orchestra, Minnesota Orchestra, Utah Symphony, Pacific Symphony among many others, and has been performing at prestigious venues worldwide. To name a few: at Carnegie Zankel Hall and Carnegie Weill Hall, New York; Wigmore Hall, London; Great Hall of Mozarteum, Salzburg, Austria; Mariinsky Theater, St. Petersburg, Russia; Teatro alla Scala, Milan, Italy as well as in other venues in USA, Germany, Spain, Italy, Portugal, Switzerland, France, Russia, United Kingdom, Israel, Austria, Morocco, Japan and New Zealand.

Dr. Savitski has appeared at major music festivals such as Salzburg Festival, Austria; Gilmore Keyboard Festival, Ravinia Festival, USA; Ruhr Festival, Germany; Ravenna Festival, Stresa Festival, Maggio Musicale Festival in Florence, MITO Festival, Italy. His performances where also heard in Grande Auditorio at Temporada Gulbenkian de Musica in Lisbon, Portugal; at Teatro la Fenice, Venice; Stadt-Casino Musiksaal in Basel, Switzerland; Salle Cortot in Paris, France; at Dame Myra Hess series in Chicago; Rachmaninoff and Tchaikovsky festivals through Pittsburgh Symphony. Edisher Savitski is the first prizewinner of the Third International Piano-E-Competition in 2006 and the Hilton Head International Piano-E-Competition in Minneapolis and the William S. Byrd International Piano Competition in Michigan.

In November 2007, Dr. Savitski became first pianist to performed from his home in South Bend, Indiana on Yamaha Disklavier piano that was connected to another Disklavier piano in the Recital Hall of Yamaha Artist Services International in New York

City, in an unprecedented live performance/press conference.

Dr. Edisher Savitski's performances have been frequently broadcasted on live TV and radio throughout Europe and USA. In 2007 Savitski's CD was released on Schubert Club's Ten Thousand Lakes label. He is a Yamaha Artist.

Born in Tbilisi, Georgia, Dr. Edisher Savitski studied in central music school with Maya Beridze and later in the Tbilisi Conservatory with professor Nana Khubutia. During this time he became a prizewinner of the international charity program "New Names", Russia, and won collaborative piano competition arranged at the Tbilisi State Conservatory. In 1998 he joined the renowned Alexander Toradze Piano Studio at Indiana University South Bend, where he earned Masters degree, Artist diploma, and has been awarded with the Performers Certificate. In spring 2013 he earned a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in performance from Michigan State University.

Currently Dr. Savitski is an assistant professor at the University of Alabama School of Music.