



Mana Contemporary Presents: Pegasus at Mana



Debut Concert: September 28, 2017, 7:30PM

SEPTEMBER 8, 2017, Jersey City, NJ—Mana Contemporary is proud to announce its first musicians-in-residence, Pegasus: The Orchestra, a nonprofit professional orchestra based in New York. Pegasus will launch a program entitled Pegasus at Mana, which will encompass a piano series and orchestra series, and eventually expand to include jazz, chamber, and youth series in 2018. Pegasus is dedicated to developing a platform for musicians to form collaborations and work in a creative environment, and further offer educational opportunities to Mana's local communities.

Each Pegasus at Mana concert offers an adventurous mix of familiar and novel works, which are preceded by a wine and cheese reception and end with an opportunity for the audience to meet the musicians—allowing for unparalleled access to the artists both before and after each performance. Rehearsals will be open to the public as a means to offer a more intimate experience into the creative process of the artists at work.

For Karén Hakobyan, artistic director of Pegasus at Mana, “We are proud and excited to join the exuberant artistic community at Mana and look forward to making our contribution through our varied and rich music programming series. We are grateful to have such a unique home base at Mana where we can have complete artistic freedom and a nurturing environment of creative thought and expression.” For Nadejda Vlaeva, concert pianist and co-director of Pegasus Piano series, “Music is a universal language that brings communication to a phenomenal level where trust and friendships form. As an artist I am proud to be an advocate of music and bring it to as many people as possible. Mana is a one-of-a-kind venue where different types of art live under one roof in a symbiotic relationship.”

Pegasus Piano Series will launch in the fall of 2017 with regularly scheduled concerts by leading musicians. The premiere concert of Pegasus Piano series will take place on September 28, 2017 at 7:30pm in the Mana Theater. Featuring series directors Nadejda Vlaeva and Karén Hakobyan, they will perform solos and duets of works by Chopin, Liszt, Debussy, Gershwin-Wild, and Volkmann, along with two Slavonic Dances by Dvorak written for piano four hands.

Pegasus: The Orchestra series will mark its debut season with a concert on October 21, 2017, which will feature its principal string players along with founder, conductor, and pianist Karén Hakobyan. The program will include works by Hakobyan, Komitas, Debussy, and Mendelssohn. The orchestra aims to develop creative programming, instrumental concerti, and chamber music—from beloved masterpieces, to transcriptions, to new compositions. For more information, visit www.manacontemporary.com/pegasus.

ABOUT MANA CONTEMPORARY

Founded in 2011, Mana Contemporary is dedicated to providing a platform for contemporary art and artists through exhibitions, studio programs, and public programs. Mana's community network began in New Jersey and has since expanded to include Mana Chicago (2013) and Mana Miami (2015). Mana Contemporary continues to create new partnership opportunities that explore the intersection of contemporary art, design, new technologies, and music. For more information, visit www.manacontemporary.com.

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