



# Piano recital by Dimitris Sgouros

On Thursday at the Thessaloniki Concert Hall

**One** of the most important pianists on the international music scene, the Greek Dimitris Sgouros will appear at the Thessaloniki Concert Hall on Thursday, March 2, at 9:00 PM in a recital dedicated to romantic music.

The music-loving audience will have the opportunity to enjoy the distinguished Greek soloist in favorite works of the Romantic period, such as Sonata No. 3 in B minor by Frédéric Chopin, Gaspard de la nuit (Gaspard of the Night) by Maurice Ravel and Venezia e Napoli (Venice and Naples) by Franz Liszt.

Arthur Rubinstein had said of Dr. Sgouros: "I thank God that he kept me alive so that I could hear Sgouros play with my own ears. He is the best pianist I have ever heard, better even than I am."

Even as a child, Sgouros surprised music lovers all over the world with his amazing talent. Renowned in the world of classical music, he has appeared in the world's greatest concert halls, such as Carnegie Hall, the Royal Festival Hall in London, the Berlin Philharmonic, the Sydney Opera, the Herodes Atticus Conservatory in Athens. He has collaborated with some of the greatest conductors and orchestras in the world, such as the Berlin Philharmonic, the London Symphony, the London Philharmonic, the London Philharmonia, the BBC Symphony, the English Chamber Orchestra, the Oxford Symphony, the Santa Cecilia in Rome, the N.O.O. of Madrid, the Vienna Symphony, the Dallas & Fortworth Symphonies, the NHK Symphony of Japan Radio, the Sydney and Melbourne Symphony in Australia and many others.

He has recorded ten albums that are being released in many countries, with compositions for piano.



solos by Schumann, Brahms, Beethoven, Chopin, Liszt and Mozart, as well as Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 3 with the Berlin Philharmonic, Tchaikovsky's First Piano Concerto and Ichaikovsky's Fantasy with the London Philharmonic, Liszt's Concerto No. 2 with the Slovenian Philharmonic Orchestra and, among others, J. Brahms's First and Second Piano Concertos with the Sofia Philharmonic Orchestra.

In 1988, a festival in his name was established in Ljubljana, Slovenia. Since then, Sgouros Festivals have been organized in cities on both sides of the globe, such as Amsterdam and Singapore.

Dimitris Sgouros has been called a "musical phenomenon" and a "Greek legend" and many even compare him to Mozart. Yev-

Geni Svetlanov, the great Russian conductor, has said: "Each of us would like to have a Sgouros near us."

Advance ticket sales are available exclusively from the box offices of the Thessaloniki Concert Hall and from the ticket office of the Thessaloniki Metropolitan Cathedral in Aristotelous Square. Ticket prices are 12, 20 and 30 euros, and 12 euros for students.

The detailed program is as follows:

Part I

Frederic Chopin (1810-1849):

Piano Sonata No. 3 in B minor, project 58

Allegro maestoso  
Scherzo (very lively)

Largo  
Finale (soon but not soon)

Part II

Maurice Ravel (1875-1937):

Gaspard de la nuit Trois Poèmes pour Piano d'après Aloysius Bertrand

(Gaspar of the Night. Three poems for piano based on Aloysius Bertrand)

Andine: Lent  
La Gibet: Too slow

Scarbo: Mod?r?  
Franz Liszt (1811-1886):

Venice and Naples  
Gondolier

Canzone  
Tarantella