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The 66TH Season of the
BEACH CITIES SYMPHONY
Barry Brisk, Music Director and Conductor
begins
Friday, October 23, 2015

Concert — 8:15 pm • Pre-concert Lecture — 7:30 pm • Marsee Auditorium

SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW

- Inside Passage* Jim Stanley
Piano Concerto No. 3 Béla Bartók
Anli Lin Tong, soloist
Symphony No 3. *Eroica* Ludwig van Beethoven

Anli Lin Tong, born in Taiwan, began her piano studies at the age of five. At age nine, she competed and won First Prize over 200 other competitors in Taiwan's first nationally-televised piano competition. That same year, she was invited to study at Juilliard by celebrated Polish pianist Mieczyslaw Munz (teacher of pianist Emanuel Ax). Anli became the youngest of Munz's students, going on to receive her Bachelor and Master of Music degrees. Later studies include master classes with Jacob Lateiner, Earl Wild, Sergei Dorensky, and doctoral studies with full scholarship at UCLA under Vitaly Margulis.



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Praised by critics for her "pointed grace" (L. A. Times), "exquisite pianism" (Chinese American News), and "energy and elation" (Daily Telegraph), Ms. Tong has appeared in such halls as Avery Fisher Hall (Lincoln Center), Taipei Symphony Hall (Taiwan), Bordeaux Philharmonic Orchestra (France), and the Getty Center (Los Angeles). As a concerto soloist, she has appeared with the Taiwan Symphony Orchestra, the Chinese Fine Arts Orchestra, the Columbus Symphony Orchestra, the

Bratislava Chamber Orchestra, and the Livic Chamber Orchestra. Her passion for chamber music has led to collaborations with artists of the highest caliber, including members of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, and more recently, as the pianist of the newly-inaugurated Orpheus Trio.

Ms. Tong's stage appearances have continued to garner high praise. Her performance of Chopin's Piano Concerto in F minor was lauded in the Palos Verdes Peninsula News with descriptions including "fluid power and stunning technique," "crystalline beauty and sparkling dexterity." The Taiwan Symphony Review's praise for her performance of the award-winning Concertina for Piano and String Orchestra included "the best rendition of this work," and the Beverly Hills Outlook reported, "pianist Anli Tong was magnificent, with particular attention to tone...." Ms. Tong has appeared as a guest on WBEZ Chicago Public Radio and classical Radio Philharmonic Taipei.

Recent highlights of her concert career include a performance of George Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* with the Burbank Philharmonic in a July 4th

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