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**International Pianist Sandro Russo from Sicily to Perform at
Highfield Hall & Gardens on Sunday, October 8**

For the first time on Cape Cod, international pianist Sandro Russo will perform at Highfield Hall & Gardens on Sunday, October 8th at 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. The program will include works by Debussy, Chopin, and Liszt.

Acclaimed for his profound sense of poetry and distinctive style, Sandro Russo has been in demand as a soloist in many venues around the world. He unanimously receives accolades for his sparkling virtuosity and his playing has often been referred to as a throwback to the grand tradition of elegant pianism and beautiful sound.

Born in San Giovanni Gemini, Italy, Mr. Russo displayed exceptional musical talent from an early age. In 1995, he graduated summa cum laude from the V. Bellini Conservatory and earned the Piano Performing Diploma from the Royal College of Music in London with honors. While still a student, he won top prize awards in numerous national and international competitions, including Senigallia and the Ibla Grand Prize. During that time, he performed in some of the country's most reputable concert halls.

Soon after Mr. Russo moved to the United States in 2000, he won the Bergen Philharmonic Orchestra Concerto Competition, which led to a performance of the Liszt A major Concerto at the Bergen Performing Arts Center in Englewood, NJ. Shortly

thereafter, he gave an acclaimed Chopin recital at the prestigious Politeama Theatre in Palermo, Italy, and later appeared at the Nuove Carriere Music Festival, an international showcase for the world's most promising young musicians.

Mr. Russo also has gained attention for an extensive repertoire that is comprised not only of well-known masterpieces from all periods but of rarities of the piano literature, as well. Some of his virtuoso performances of works by Cziffra, Sorabji, Marc-André Hamelin and other composer-pianists have enthralled music lovers from around the world. He has also premiered compositions by Lowell Liebermann, Paul Moravec and Mr. Hamelin.

He has performed in such prestigious concert halls as the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam, the Konzerthaus Berlin, Weill and Zankel halls at Carnegie Hall, Salle Cortot in Paris and Teatro Politeama in Palermo. His recitals include performances for The Rachmaninoff Society, the Dame Myra Hess series in Chicago, Concerts Grand in Santa Rosa (CA), the American Liszt Society, the Houston International Piano Festival, the Husum Festival of Piano Rarities in Germany and the Chetham's International Piano Festival in Manchester (U.K.), among others. In November 2010, the Italian Academy Foundation presented Mr. Russo in a sold-out Chopin & Schumann anniversary concert at Carnegie Hall.

In January 2009, Bechstein-America invited Mr. Russo to record a DVD on the historical 1862 Bechstein piano (#576) owned by Franz Liszt. In addition, the DVD "Sandro Russo Plays the Steinway CD-75 Horowitz Piano" represents the first recording on this legendary instrument after Horowitz's death. Mr. Russo's latest recording, Rachmaninov – Solo Piano Works, released in March 2017 on the Steinway & Sons label, has received great critical acclaim and has been chosen "Disc of the Month" by Italy's The Classic Voice magazine.

Tickets for Sandro Russo's recital on Sunday, October 8th are \$30/\$25 for members. For additional information and to register, visit www.highfieldhall.org or call 508.495.1878 x 2.

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