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Helen Shen, Pian

Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church 716 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07080

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Plainfield Symphony Orchestra (PSO), New Jersey's oldest community symphony, is scheduled to hold the final concert of its 97th Concert Season on Saturday, April 29th, 2017, at 7PM. Young Pianist Competition of New Jersey's 2016 Gold Prize winner of the Entire Concerto Division, Helen Shen, will be the soloist performing Chopin's Piano Concerto No. 2 in F Minor. PSO's Music Director, Maestro Charles Prince, will conduct this concert. This will mark Helen's second appearance with the PSO, after her debut performance in 2014. This concert will also feature several master pieces by French composer Maurice Ravel (Le Tombeau de Couperin, Daphnis et Chloé Suite No. 2 and Boléro).

Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall, Steinway Hall (New York City), Shandelee's Sunset Concert Pavilion (Shandelee, NY), Events Gallery in Bethel Woods (Upstate New York) and at St. Nicolò Auditorium (Chioggia, Italy), and the 2014 Annual Showcase of Exceptionally Talented Young Artists presented by Crescent Concerts. As a winner of New Jersey's Music Teachers Association (NJMTA) Piano Competition, she was chosen to perform at NJMTA's 2010 State Conference. In 2012, Helen performed a pair of fulllength piano solo fund raising concerts in both New York and New Jersey for the benefit of Shandelee Music Festival and YPCNJ. In August of 2014, Helen performed a solo recital at the Shandelee Music Festival's Sunset Concert Pavilion.

Helen Shen began to study piano with Lana Ivanov at the age of 5. She currently resides in Basking Ridge, New Jersey, and is a student at Ridge High School.

The concert will be held at Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church (716 Watchung Avenue Plainfield, NJ 07080). Tickets are \$35, \$25 for seniors/students and free for children age 12 and under.

For more information about the concert and to purchase tickets, please visit PSO's website

http://www.plainfieldsymphony.org, or call PSO hotline 908-561-5140. For more information about YPCNJ and its music education programs, please visit YPCNJ's official website http://www.youngpianist.org/, or send an email to ypcnjoffice@gmail.com.

