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ST. LOUIS — The Sheldon is pleased to commemorate the naming of the “Mary Pillsbury Green Room” at the Sheldon Concert Hall with a recital by pianist and St. Louis native Dominic Cheli. Mary Pillsbury Wainwright is a longtime Sheldon board member and donor, a classical vocalist and a generous supporter of classical music in St. Louis.

Applauded by MusicWeb International for his “splendid playing…great skill and technical prowess,” Cheli is First Prize winner of the 2017 Concert Artists Guild Competition. Also in 2017, Naxos released his debut CD, and he won the Music Academy of the West Concerto Competition, leading to a critically acclaimed performance of Prokofiev’s Piano Concerto No. 2 with the Festival Orchestra. His rapidly advancing career includes his concerto debut in Walt Disney Concert Hall under the baton of Valery Gergiev this season, and his Carnegie Hall recital debut on the 2018-2019 CAG Series at Weill Recital Hall.

Highlights of his 2017-18 season include a performance of Rachmaninoff’s 2nd Piano Concerto with the Northwestern German Philharmonic, as well as recitals at Steinway Hall in Beverly Hills and the Colburn School in Los Angeles. His busy spring and summer 2018 schedule includes a return to the Virginia Arts Festival for a special concert celebrating his teacher and mentor, André-Michel Schub, and debut recitals at the Ravinia Festival and New York’s Mostly Mozart Festival.

He is currently pursuing an Artist Diploma at the Colburn Conservatory of Music in Los Angeles, California, studying with Fabio Bidini. He earned his Master of Music degree from Yale University and bachelor’s degree from the Manhattan School of Music.

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