

The youth and intensity of concert pianist Thomas Pandolfi are sure to dazzle the audience as Coastal Concerts' season continues on Saturday, Jan. 30. Professional praise of Pandolfi includes, "beautiful touch, sensitivity, and broad scope," and "a soloist whom we would like to hear again."

The evening begins with the formidable Franz Liszt "Dante Sonata," "Apres Une Lecture de Dante." Next on the program, "Nocturne in D-flat Major for the Left Hand" by the Russian composer, Alexander Scriabin will showcase Pandolfi's expertise in interpreting very unusual harmonies and textures. Three etudes of Frederic Chopin ("Revolutionary," "Aeolian Harp," and "Sunshine"), as well as his popular "Polinaise in A-flat Major" ("Heroic Polinaise") will round out the first half of the program. "Heroic," written during a happy period in Chopin's life, has been widely adapted into popular culture in movie themes ("Till the End of Time," "Shine," "Benjamin Button," etc) as well as on television and by performance groups as diverse as the Doors and the Muppets.

Two compositions from Robert Schumann's "song cycle" – one transcribed by Franz Liszt – follow the intermission. Some in the audience will recognize Schumann's use of a melody from Franz Schubert in one of these pieces.

Tickets for each Coastal Concerts program are \$20, with discounted admission available for series purchases. Youth ages 10 to 18 are given free admission at the door for themselves and one accompanying adult. Series tickets can be purchased on line at www.coastalconcerts.org or by calling 888-212-6458. Individual tickets may be purchased at the door, or in advance at the Lewes Chamber of Commerce, Lewes Gourmet and Puzzles on Front Street in downtown Lewes.