

Carnegie Hall, New York  
Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2007 at 8 PM

*"Jack Gibbons is utterly unique in the music world" (WNYC)*

# JACK GIBBONS

*45<sup>th</sup> birthday recital*

**ALKAN**  
concerto for solo piano

**GERSHWIN**  
rhapsody in blue

PLUS MUSIC BY  
**CHOPIN & GIBBONS**

*"This ranks among the most exhilarating feats of pianism I've heard... an Alkan interpreter of exceptional authority" (GRAMOPHONE)*

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Acclaimed British concert pianist JACK GIBBONS returns to Carnegie Hall in celebration of his 45th birthday with a spectacular program of music by Alkan, Chopin, Gibbons and Gershwin. Gibbons will perform Alkan's legendary and rarely played Concerto for Solo Piano from the infamous "Studies in all the minor keys" Op. 39 together with Chopin's Ballade no.3, several of Gibbons' own piano works (including 'Music Box') and his famous reconstructions of Gershwin's original show-tune improvisations and Rhapsody in Blue.

Live performances of the awe-inspiring and notoriously virtuosic piano music of Charles-Valentin Alkan, Chopin's reclusive contemporary, are rare not-to-be-missed events. Tonight's concert contains one of Alkan's greatest works, the gargantuan Concerto for Solo Piano, one of the most spectacular and haunting piano works of the 19th century.

In January 1995 Jack Gibbons created musical history by becoming the first performer to present in a single concert Alkan's entire Twelve Studies in the Minor Keys Opus 39 (of which the Concerto for Solo Piano comprises just three sections). The London Times raved over this event at London's Queen Elizabeth Hall: *"Awe-inspiring... not only does he possess both the stamina and a technique prodigious enough to master everything the music requires, but he scrupulously respects Alkan's own insistence on clarity, precision and control in this most hugely romantic of music."*

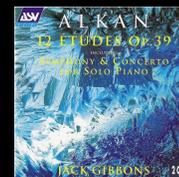
*"Pianist Jack Gibbons, famed for his Gershwin recordings, produces a truly remarkable Alkan recording that brings together an astonishing array of pianistic pyrotechnics that worthily reflect their extraordinary composer" (BBC Music Magazine)*

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[www.jackgibbons.com](http://www.jackgibbons.com)

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