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## **Cleveland Orchestra announces major changes** to November's Beethoven Concerto Cycle

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On Monday morning, The Cleveland Orchestra announced that both its music director and the featured soloist for its forthcoming Beethoven Concerto Cycle have withdrawn from the seven-concert series at Severance Music Center, scheduled for November 6-17.

In a press release, the Orchestra wrote that "**Franz Welser-Möst** will be unable to conduct the upcoming three weeks of performances in Cleveland due to ongoing medical treatment. The Cleveland Orchestra family greatly looks forward to his return to the podium when he is fully recovered.

"Following Franz Welser-Möst's cancellation, pianist

Igor Levit withdrew from his planned performances of the Beethoven piano concertos."

Five pianists — Sir Stephen Hough, Yunchan Lim, Garrick Ohlsson, Minsoo Sohn, and Orion Weiss — will now be featured in the five concertos and Triple Concerto. Assistant Conductor Daniel Reith will conduct. The previously announced programs will remain the same.

Here is the revised schedule for the Beethoven Concerto Cycle.

Program No. 1 Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 7:30 pm Thursday, November 7, 2024, at 7:30 pm Orion Weiss, *piano* (Triple Concerto) Augustin Hadelich, *violin* Julia Hagen, *cello* Sir Stephen Hough, *piano* (Third Concerto) BEETHOVEN Triple Concerto BEETHOVEN Piano Concerto No. 3

Program No. 2 Saturday, November 9, 2024, at 8 pm Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 7:30 pm

Garrick Ohlsson, *piano* BEETHOVEN Piano Concerto No. 2 BEETHOVEN Piano Concerto No. 4

Program No. 3 Friday, November 15, 2024, at 7:30 pm Saturday, November 16, 2024, at 8 pm Sunday, November 17, 2024, at 3 pm Minsoo Sohn, *piano* (First Concerto) Yunchan Lim, *piano* (Fifth Concerto) BEETHOVEN Piano Concerto No. 1 BEETHOVEN Piano Concerto No. 5, "Emperor"

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