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International pianist a rare treat for Broome

Oxana Shevchenko is internationally recognised as a pianist of outstanding artistry, sensibility, and versatility and is equally in demand both as a soloist and as a chamber musician.

As part of a limited Australian tour, Oxana will travel to Broome for a performance at the Broome Civic Centre on Saturday 23 March at 5pm. Additionally, four aspiring Broome pianists will have the opportunity to take part in a free half-hour piano masterclass.

Born in Kazakhstan, Oxana gave her first performance as a soloist with the Kazakh State Symphony Orchestra at age nine and made her Western debut in Vilnius with the Lithuanian National Symphony Orchestra conducted by Juozas Domarkas in 2004.

In 2016 Oxana was one of the top six finalists at the Sydney International Piano Competition and won the prize for the best Piano Quintet. She has also won the top prize at the Scottish International Piano Competition, International Premio Franz Liszt Competition and the Chappel Piano Competition

Oxana has since performed with the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, the Orchestre de Chambre de Lausanne, the Pilsen Radio Symphony Orchestra, the Sendai Philharmonic Orchestra, the Norrlands Operan Symphony Orchestra, and with conductors Vladimir Ashkenazy, Martyn Brabbins, Jacques Mercier, Pascal Verrot, Koji Kawamoto, Rumon Gamba and Tolepbergen Abdrashev.

The performance is presented by the Shire of Broome, and Shire President Harold Tracey said it was exciting to host such an exceptional international talent.

"We're very pleased to be able to provide the community with opportunities such as this to experience world-class performances here at our own Broome Civic Centre," he said.

Tickets for the performance on 23 March are available at www.broomeciviccentre.com.au.

Four free half-hour masterclasses are also on offer on the morning of 23 March and applicants must be of a moderate to high level of proficiency on the piano. Anyone interested in applying should email broomeciviccentre@broome.wa.gov.au or call (08) 9191 8780. Successful applicants will be notified by 15 March.

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