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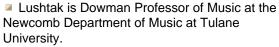
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Pianist Faina Lushtak to **Perform Recital** Feb. 22





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She performs in the U.S., Canada and Western Europe.



Faina Lushtak

ROCK HILL, S.C. - Power, vibrancy, clarity, eloquence. On Feb. 22, worldrenowned pianist, composer and master teacher Faina Lushtak will demonstrate her musical trademarks to Winthrop with a 4 p.m. recital in Frances May Barnes Recital Hall.

Lushtak, who serves as Dowman Professor of Music at the Newcomb Department of Music of Tulane University in New Orleans, La., has studied piano and composition since childhood. She graduated from the Stoliarsky School for Musically Gifted Children in Ukraine, later earning degrees in piano performance and composition from the Moscow Tchaikowsky Conservatory, where she became a faculty member. Lushtak has performed recitals across the U.S., Western Europe and Canada.

She also has performed as a guest artist for state conventions including Pro Mozart Society in Atlanta, Ga., the Gina Bachauer International Piano Competition and in 2004 she recorded Fryderyk Chopin's Mazurkas for a Centaur Records-produced CD.

As a teacher, Lushtak has presented master classes throughout the U.S., Canada and Europe. She is a Nationally Certified Teacher of Music and is an active participant in the Music Teachers National Association, National Guild of Piano Teachers and New Orleans Music Teachers Association. At Tulane University, she heads the piano division and serves as music director of Tulane's Concert Piano Series. **Lushtak** is a faculty member at the Schlern International Music Festival in Italy.

Also a gifted composer, she has created music for piano, chamber groups, voice and violin. Her compositions have been published by Boosey and Hawkes, Ltd. (London): The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (London); Willis Publishing Company (U.S.); Marsile Music Co. (New Orleans); and in the Soviet Union.

The concert is part of the Department of Music's Friends of the Conservatory Series. Tickets are free for Friends of the Conservatory; \$5 with student I.D.; and \$10 general admission. Seating is reserved.

To reserve tickets, call the **Department of Music** at 803/323-2255.

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