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[Russian pianist Lilya Zilberstein performs the 3rd movement of Chopin's Rondo in C minor Op. 1 at a news event on Monday. \(Photo by Rick Yi/Taiwan News\)](#)

Russian pianist Lilya Zilberstein is scheduled to hold a recital and perform early piano works of Polish composer Frederic Chopin tonight in Taipei. Her two pianist sons will serve as guest performers at the concert.

The first-half program of Zilberstein's recital will open with Chopin's three early pieces: Rondo in C minor Op. 1, Piano Sonata No. 1 in C minor Op. 4 and Brilliant Variations Op. 12.

The second half includes Sergei Rachmaninoff's Six Musical Moments Op. 16 and Alexander Scriabin's Piano Sonata No. 3 in F sharp minor Op. 23.

Chopin published his first work, Rondo in C minor Op. 1, at the age of 15. Three years later, he finished Piano Sonata No. 1 in C minor Op. 4.

Zilberstein said very few pianists have performed this piano sonata, especially the 3rd and 4th movement, because they found it quite difficult to play.

"But I liked to play it because it's a very unique, strong piece," Zilberstein said, adding that among 79 candidates in the second round of the Chopin International Piano Competition this October in Warsaw, Poland, only one contestant chose to play it. But no one chose it in the finals.

Through his early creations, Chopin showed high confidence in his piano skills. His works also deeply influenced **Russian** romantic music such as compositions by Rachmaninoff and Scriabin.

Zilberstein has been performing duos with Argentine pianist Martha Argerich since 1999 in Norway. Last year they held a series of European tour concerts in France, Italy and Germany to celebrate the 10th anniversary of their cooperation.

Born in Moscow in 1965, Zilberstein began to play the piano when she was five. She rose to prominence after winning the first prize and audience prize at the 1987 Ferruccio Busoni International Piano Competition in Bolzano, Italy.

In August 1998, she received an award from the Accademia Musicale Chigiana in Siena, Italy. Other recipients included Latvian violinist and conductor Gidon Kremer, German violin virtuoso Anne-Sophie Mutter, and Finnish conductor Esa-Pekka Salonen.

The recital will be held tonight at the National Concert Hall in Taipei. Tickets are now available at <http://www.ticket.com.tw>