

## NEW MUSIC TUESDAY | Paul Neubauer & Wu Han – Shostakovich's Recently Discovered Viola 'Impromptu' [2018]

Paul Neubauer and Wu Han performing the US premiere of Dmitry Shostakovich's recently discovered 'Impromptu' for Viola and Piano

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Violist **Paul Neubauer** and pianist **Wu Han** performing the US West Coast premiere of Dmitry Shostakovich's recently discovered *Impromptu* for Viola and Piano Op. 33.

“On September 25th, 2017, which would have been Shostakovich's 111th birthday, it was announced that this *Impromptu* for viola and piano was found in the papers of the great Russian violist Vadim Borisovsky – held in the Moscow's central archive ...” Paul has told The Violin Channel.

“This *Impromptu* was composed in 1931, early in Shostakovich's career and it has a delightful simplicity that was characteristic of his lighter compositions ... the opening has a poignant feel, whereas the brief faster section has a whimsical flavor albeit with a hint of sadness ...” he has said.

“Any new work of Shostakovich is very welcome to violists, and this charming miniature adds a new dimension to Shostakovich's output for the viola ... this *Impromptu* complements his monumental viola sonata and chamber and orchestral works that feature the viola.”

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