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*"The Art of Difficulty:  
Brahms and the Limits of the Piano"*

an admission free exploration and performance

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**Friday, June 12, 2026 12:10<sub>PM</sub>**

First Unitarian Sanctuary, 160 N. Third St., downtown San Jose

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This lecture-recital explores how Brahms transforms effort, constraint, and even frustration into expressive meaning, where the struggle to play becomes part of the musical meaning and sonic experience.

Johannes Brahms 1833-1897



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