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ALOHA INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION INVITES STUDENTS TO ENTER TODAY

Deadline is April 30, 2010 for annual Honolulu piano competition

HONOLULU – (March 22, 2010) – The Aloha International Piano Festival and Competition (AIPF) invites young pianists from around the world to enter its annual piano competition, which takes place this June in Honolulu June. Teachers are also encouraged to inspire their students to apply today!

AIPF Competition participants range in age from five to 25. They compete in five separate age categories in either the solo or the concerto divisions. Applications are available at www.alohapianofestival.com.

Prizes for the solo division include:

- The select first prizewinner in the solo division will perform in the Aloha Piano Festival Concert with faculty and guest pianists, including Lisa Nakamichi and Noriko Uenaka, on Sunday, June 13 at the Hawaii Convention Center. The concert is free!
- First prizewinners competing in the solo division of Level B through Young Artists divisions will receive a full scholarship to attend the 2011 Aloha International Piano Festival (a value of \$500).
- Prize money of \$1,000 will be awarded to the first prizewinner competing in the solo division in either high school or young artist levels.

Prizes for the concerto division include:

- First place winners of each level will appear in a concerto performance with the Hawaii Youth Symphony in upcoming concerts.
- Winners will also receive scholarships to attend the 2011 Aloha International Piano Festival (a value of \$500).

Each year, AIPF presents free and low-cost events that are suitable for music lovers of all ages. This affordable, welcoming Festival rivals its mainland counterparts in artistic quality, educational opportunities and family fun.

AIPF offers Hawaii's youth, teachers and families equal access to music education programs that are usually only found at high-cost events on the mainland. The Festival and Competition are the only opportunities for Hawaii's young pianists to participate in recognized and esteemed events in their home State.

About the Aloha International Piano Festival

Founded in 2006 by pianist Lisa Nakamichi, the Aloha International Piano Festival (AIPF) is a non-profit organization committed to educating Hawaii's children and teachers. AIPF offers

instruction with world-class pianists and competition opportunities in an affordable setting that is close to home. Each year, AIPF strives to elevate the awareness of classical music in Hawaii while offering people of all ages the opportunity to experience music in a welcoming and educational setting. Visit www.alohapianofestival.com for more information and to make a donation today.

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