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ALOHA INTERNATIONAL PIANO FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES 2010 ARTISTS

Pianists Sara Davis Buechner, Lisa Nakamichi, Noriko Uenaka, Sean Botkin, and Norman Krieger to offer masterclasses; perform in free concerts in Honolulu

HONOLULU – (March 3, 2010) – The Aloha International Piano Festival (AIPF) today announced that world-renowned concert pianists Sara Davis Buechner, Lisa Nakamichi, Noriko Uenaka, Sean Botkin, and Norman Krieger will lead the roster of artists for the fifth annual festival and competition, from June 12 to 19, 2010 at the Hawaii Convention Center in Honolulu.

AIPF features free events for the general public, masterclasses and workshops for students and teachers, and a piano competition for pianists ranging in age from five to 25. Each year, AIPF strives to provide access to the arts and music education for Hawaii's children, teachers and families, who could not otherwise travel to the mainland to experience similar festivals. Students can also elect to participate in masterclasses and workshops without entering the competition.

Pianist Sara Davis Buechner, who is new to AIPF, is a classical concert pianist of noteworthy accomplishment, virtuosic mastery, artistic sensitivity and extraordinary versatility. She is a major prizewinner of many of the world's most prestigious international piano competitions, including Reine Elisabeth of Belgium, Leeds, Salzburg, Sydney and Vienna. She established her career by winning the Gold Medal of the 1984 Gina Bachauer International Piano Competition in Salt Lake City, Utah, and as a Bronze Medalist of the 1986 Tchaikovsky International Piano Competition in Moscow. Ms. Buechner is Associate Professor of Piano, Piano Literature and Chamber Music at the eminent Piano Faculty of the University of British Columbia – Vancouver, and is a former faculty member of New York University.

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.

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