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ALOHA INTERNATIONAL PIANO FESTIVAL OPENS JUNE 12 IN HONOLULU

Festival presents evening concerts, free events, classes and competition

HONOLULU (June 7, 2010) – The Aloha International Piano Festival (AIPF) opens on June 12 at the Hawaii Convention Center and presents a full week of wonderful evening concerts, free music events, masterclasses and workshops, and piano competitions for aspiring young artists. In this exceptional week, AIPF brings the very best of the piano world direct to Honolulu for a rare chance for local music lovers to experience intimate concerts and riving competitions.

This year, AIPF is thrilled to present three evening concerts featuring world-renowned pianists Sara Davis Buechner, Norman Krieger and Sean Botkin, who will lead an evening of chamber music with violinist Ignace Jang, cellist Mark Votapek, and pianist Lisa Nakamichi.

Buechner, in her first appearance at AIPF on Saturday, June 12, will give the world-premiere of a new work by Japanese composer Yukiko Nishimura. This much-anticipated concert also features audience favorites including three Bach transcriptions of the Busoni School and Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue."

The free AIPF recital on Sunday, June 13 will spotlight rising stars of the piano in a lovely Sunday afternoon event. This free recital is a family-friendly event and no tickets are needed.

In addition to the free recital, everyone is invited the attend the AIPF competitions on June 12 and 19. Admission is free and the community is encouraged to come and cheer on the young competitors who have traveled to Honolulu from across Hawaii and around the world.

Student tickets for evening recitals and classes are only \$5. General admission for evening recitals is an affordable \$20.

For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit www.alohapianofestival.com.

Aloha International Piano Festival Schedule: June 12 to 19 at the Hawaii Convention Center

EVENING CONCERTS

Sara Davis Buechner Recital: Opening Night

Saturday, June 12 – 7:30 pm at the Hawaii Convention Center, Liliu Theater

Admission: Adults: \$20. Students (up to age 22): \$5

Experience the artistry of world-renowned pianist Sara Davis Buechner as she shares the joys of audience favorites by Bach, Gershwin and Mozart, and delights with the premieres of new works.

Norman Krieger Recital: "Beethoven Favorites"

Wednesday, June 16 – 7:30 pm at Room 317A, Hawaii Convention Center

Admission: General Admission is \$20, Student Tickets are only \$5

The wonderful Norman Krieger returns to Honolulu for a magical evening of Beethoven favorites. One of Hawaii's most popular guest pianists, Krieger will perform three beautiful Beethoven sonatas.

AIPF Finale! Chamber Music with Sean Botkin

Saturday, June 19, 2010 – 7:30 pm at the Liliu Theater, Hawaii Convention Center

Admission: General Admission is \$20, Student Tickets are only \$5

Honolulu's own Sean Botkin returns to AIPF to present a splendid evening of chamber music. Special guests include Honolulu's own, violinist Ignace Jang, cellist Mark Votapek, and acclaimed pianist Lisa Nakamichi.

FREE EVENTS

Aloha International Piano Competition: Solo Division

Saturday, June 12 – 9 am to 5 pm at the Hawaii Convention Center

Free Admission! No tickets or reservations needed.

Experience AIPF's solo division competition LIVE, featuring works from the Baroque to contemporary periods. Come and hear aspiring young musicians as they compete for honors!

Young Pianists Recital Series – FREE!

Sunday, June 13 – 2 pm at Room 317A, Hawaii Convention Center

Free Admission! No tickets or reservations needed.

This free, family-friendly event features music's rising stars as they share their love of piano masterworks with one and all! Young pianists will perform works by Beethoven, Chopin, Ravel, Liszt and more.

Aloha International Piano Competition: Concerto Division

Saturday, June 19, 2010 – 9 am to noon at the Hawaii Convention Center

Free Admission! No tickets or reservations needed.

The excitement continues as the festival moves to the concerto division!

MASTERCLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Masterclass by Norman Krieger

Monday, June 14 – 10 am in Room 317A, Hawaii Convention Center

Admission: General Admission is \$15, Student Tickets are only \$5

Masterclass by Sean Botkin

Wednesday, June 16 – 10 am in Room 317A, Hawaii Convention Center

Admission: General Admission is \$15, Student Tickets are only \$5

Workshop with Sara Davis Buechner

Friday, June 18 – 10 am in Room 317A, Hawaii Convention Center

Admission: General Admission is \$15, Student Tickets are only \$5

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 while enriching the lives of all music lovers. AIPF offers local students the opportunity to learn from world-class pianists in an affordable program that is close to home. Each year, AIPF strives to elevate the awareness of classical music in Hawaii and give people of all ages the opportunity to experience music in a welcoming setting. Visit www.alohapianofestival.com for more information.

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