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CHAMBER MUSIC AND PIANO DUO CROWN THE CLOSING NIGHT OF PIANO FESTIVAL

Festival grand finale includes piano duo with Sean Botkin and Lisa Nakamichi

HONOLULU (May 21, 2010) – The grand finale of the Aloha International Piano Festival will feature four critically-acclaimed artists in an evening of beautiful chamber music when the annual Festival draws to a close on June 19. Renowned pianist Sean Botkin has brought together violinist Ignace Jang, cellist Mark Votapek and pianist Lisa Nakamichi for this not-to-be missed event at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 19 at the Hawaii Convention Center.

Concertgoers can eagerly anticipate a rare delight at this concert: Ravel’s “La Valse” for piano duo with Botkin and Nakamichi. A highlight of the evening will also be the Shostakovich Trio in E minor with Botkin, Jang and Votapek.

Tickets are on sale now at www.alohapianofestival.com. General admission tickets are \$20 and student tickets (up to age 22) are only \$5.

Aloha International Piano Festival Finale with Chamber Music

Beethoven: Cello Sonata in D Major, Op. 102, No. 2
with Mark Votapek, *cello* and Sean Botkin, *piano*

Mozart: Sonata for Violin and Piano in B flat major, K. 378
with Ignace Jang, *violin* and Sean Botkin, *piano*

Ravel: “La Valse” for Piano Duo
with Lisa Nakamichi, *piano* and Sean Botkin, *piano*

Shostakovich: Trio in E minor
with Sean Botkin, *piano*, Ignace Jang, *violin* and Mark Votapek, *cello*

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 setting 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 environment. Visit www.alohapianofestival.com for more information.

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