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FREE COMMUNITY CONCERT OPENS ALOHA INTERNATIONAL PIANO FESTIVAL

Weeklong Honolulu festival welcomes music lovers of all ages for workshops and concerts

FREE CONCERT: Sunday, June 7, 2009 at 2 p.m.
LOCATION: Liliu Theater of the Hawaii Convention Center
TICKETS: No tickets or reservations are required.
ARTISTS: T.J. Tario, *piano*
Evan Lin, *piano*
Lisa Nakamichi, *piano*
Noriko Uenaka, *piano*
Winners of the 2009 AIPF Piano Competition

HONOLULU – (May 4, 2009) – Music lovers of all ages are invited to enjoy a free community concert on the opening day of Honolulu’s Aloha International Piano Festival (AIPF). A highlight of the concert promises to be celebrated pianist and local star Lisa Nakamichi, who will perform the Brahms Chaconne in D minor (for left hand alone). Visiting concert pianist Noriko Uenaka will also delight audiences with works by Scarlatti and Schubert. In addition, young winners of the 2007, 2008 and 2009 AIPF piano competitions will perform. The free concert takes place on Sunday, June 7, 2009 at 2 p.m. in the Liliu Theater of the Hawaii Convention Center. No tickets or reservations are required.

The winner of the 2008 AIPF competition, Evan Lin, will perform a beautiful selection of works by Bach, Haydn, Liszt and Prokofiev. Lin, a Punahou School student who studies with Joanna Fan, placed first in the competition’s high school division at age 13. In addition to his success at AIPF, Lin was a winner in the MTNA Baldwin Piano Competition in the Hawaii State division, as well as the Southwest region competition.

At age 13, T.J. Tario was the second place winner in the AIPF 2007 high school division. He is also one of Hawaii’s most promising young composers. Tario will perform an original composition, titled *Makika (Mosquito)*, for which he won the MTNA Competition-Composition Division in the Hawaii State Division and the Southwest Regional competition.

“*Makika* is a character piece that represents the odd annoyance of a bug that all people love to hate!” said Tario. “I dedicate *Makika* to my teacher Ellen Masaki, who always inspires me to reach for the stars.”

In addition, the two winners of the AIPF 2009 piano competition in the high school (ages 15 to 18) and young artist (ages 19 to 25) divisions will perform at the concert. The 2009 competition takes place the day prior on Saturday, June 6, from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Hawaii Convention Center. Admission is free and the public is welcome.

Set in multi-cultural Honolulu, AIPF features concerts for the public, workshops and master classes for pianists of all ages, and an annual piano competition for pianists ranging in age from five to 25.

The 2009 Festival welcomes concert pianists Sean Botkin, Martin Canin, Susan Duehlmeier, Bonnie Gritton, Norman Krieger and Noriko Uenaka, who will teach master classes and perform in the recital series. Violinist Ignace Jang and cellist Mark Votapek also join the roster of renowned artists. For more information AIPF, please visit www.alohapianofestival.com.

Concert Program:

T.J. Tario

T.J. TARIO: *Makika (Mosquito)*, Op. 1

Evan Lin

BACH/SOLTI: Organ Prelude in G Minor

HAYDN: Sonata in C Hob. XVI:50, Allegro

LISZT: Concert Etude No. 2 “Gnomenreigen”

PROKOFIEV: Sonata No. 2 in D minor, Op. 14, Vivace

Lisa Nakamichi

BRAHMS: Chaconne for left hand (from the Partita in D minor for violin solo by J.S. Bach BWV 1004)

Noriko Uenaka

SCARLATTI: Sonata in D Minor K. 9 (L. 413)

SCARLATTI: Sonata in D Major K. 492 (L. 14)

SCHUBERT: Three Klavierstucke D. 946

About the Aloha International Piano Festival

Founded in 2006 by pianist Lisa Nakamichi, the Aloha International Piano Festival (AIPF) offers Hawaii’s local piano students, as well as visiting international students, opportunities to learn from world-class pianists in a nurturing environment. The AIPF enriches the greater community with opportunities to enjoy free and low-cost concerts performed by acclaimed artists. Each year, AIPF strives to elevate the awareness of classical music while offering people of all ages the opportunity to experience music in a relaxed setting. Visit www.alohapianofestival.com for more information.

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