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Piano Cleveland Breaks Down the Basics with New Listening Series

Prelude to Piano offers piano music enthusiasts an opportunity to take their knowledge to a higher level

CLEVELAND, OH – February 26, 2020 Piano Cleveland is proud to launch a three-part listening series in music appreciation called *Prelude to Piano*, beginning in March. This series is geared towards enthusiasts of all levels who wish to take their interest and knowledge to new heights and is part of the organization's goal to bring piano music to all Cleveland audiences. All sessions are complimentary to the public and will be available at three fun and engaging locations throughout Cleveland.

The unique and interactive listening series will provide piano music lovers with the opportunity to learn about the various aspects of piano performance including the versatility of the instrument, identifying different musical periods, and learning what juries listen for in competition. All sessions will include demonstrations and an open forum for questions over light refreshments. Attendees who participate in all three sessions will be invited to serve as a special jury member during the 2020 Cleveland International Piano Competition, where they will be able to award a prize to their contestant of choice.

The organization is committed to providing a fun and engaging atmosphere where attendees can learn more about piano music for the better enjoyment of the upcoming international competition this summer. "It is important to our organization to invest in our city so Clevelanders of all backgrounds have the opportunity to fall in love with piano music," said Yaron Kohlberg, President of Piano Cleveland and 2007 CIPC medalist of Cleveland International Piano Competition. "We hope that *Prelude to Piano* will inspire this type of passion."



The *Prelude to Piano* listening series begins in late March. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. and sessions start at 7:30 p.m. The full schedule is available below:

- *I Love a Piano (and You Will Too)*. Cleveland Institute of Music faculty member Marshall Griffith will give a brief history of this most versatile of instruments and an interactive demonstration of ranges and textures.

Monday, March 30 at The Bop Stop

Tuesday, March 31 at Tudor House, Gilmour Academy

Wednesday, April 1 at Praxis Fiber Workshop

- *Listening to Music (without Feeling Lost)*. Caroline Oltmanns, Head of the Piano Department at the Dana School of Music, Youngstown State University, will help listeners put the piano into the context of different time periods and musical styles.

Monday, April 13 at The Bop Stop

Wednesday, April 22 at Tudor House, Gilmour Academy

Wednesday, April 29 at Praxis Fiber Workshop

- *What Makes It Great (and Not Just Good)?* Piano Cleveland President and 2007 CIPC medalist Yaron Kohlberg will give listeners an insider's view on the elements such as touch, technique, and interpretation that makes some playing rise above the rest.

Wednesday, May 27 at Praxis Fiber Workshop

Monday, June 1 at The Bop Stop

Wednesday, June 3 at Tudor House, Gilmour Academy

Prelude to Piano is the first of many new programs launching this year in conjunction with Piano Cleveland's 2020 Cleveland International Piano Competition that takes place from July 26 through August 9 in University Circle. For additional information on how to reserve tickets for *Prelude to Piano* visit pianocleveland.org or call 216-707-5397.

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About Piano Cleveland

Established in 1974, Piano Cleveland promotes Cleveland as a premier piano destination by presenting world-class programming and community engagement and education initiatives. The organization's four major programs and events include the quadrennial Cleveland International Piano Competition (coming in July 2020), the CIPC for Young Artists Competition, the CIPC Concert Series, and year-round education and community outreach programming. For more information, visit pianocleveland.org.

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