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PIANO CLEVELAND 2022 PROGRAMMING TO CELEBRATE THE PIANO IN ALL OF ITS FORMS

CLEVELAND, OH - MARCH 24, 2022 Coming off a monumental year following the 2021 Cleveland International Piano Competition, Piano Cleveland will roll out programming that makes the piano more accessible by providing musical experiences beyond the competition with their first inaugural summer festival, PianoDays @CLE, presented by Clampco Products Inc. During this three-week festival, beginning July 24 through August 14, audiences can experience everything from a traveling piano truck to breathtaking chamber music performances and collaborations with local Cleveland institutions throughout the East and West sides. In addition to PianoDays @CLE, the organization will bring back the second annual Listening Series, beginning on April 27, 2022. Both events are presented with the support of Piano Cleveland's 2022 Media Partner, Ideastream Public Media.

The 2022 programming kicks off with this year's Listening Series: Prelude to PianoDays, designed to take audiences from the comfortable place that viewers have come to know well, the couch, to the long-awaited opening of concert halls. The Listening Series will present different elements of the piano and help attendees connect the themes learned in each session directly to PianoDays @CLE festival programming. The three-part series is hosted by incredible musicians and partners of the organization, with the first session (April 27) presented by 2021 CIPC Second Prize Winner Lovre Marušić and Third Prize Winner Byeol Kim as they demonstrate the intricacies of piano duos. The second session (May 11) features world-renowned pianist and chamber musician Jonathan Biss, who will share his expert knowledge on Beethoven's late sonatas through presentation and performance. And the third session (June 1 & 2) will be led by Grammy-nominated pianist and composer Gerald Clayton, who will touch on conversations around jazz improvisation. Additional information on the Listening Series: Prelude to PianoDays and how to purchase tickets can be found on pianocleveland.org.

Continuing the celebration of piano music will be the three-week PianoDays @CLE festival this summer. "PianoDays @CLE will celebrate piano music and its ability to bring people together," said Yaron Kohlberg, President of Piano Cleveland. "Each program will showcase the piano's versatility through experiencing the piano beyond classical music." The festival will offer something for everyone with one-of-a-kind performances, musical comedy, city-wide pop-up concerts, and long-awaited social events. There will be captivating performances by featured artists, including Israeli-Palestinian piano duo Duo Amal, featuring Piano Cleveland President Yaron Kohlberg and Bishara Haroni.

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A performance by the virtuosic musical comedy duo, Igudesman & Joo at the Hanna Theatre, and live concert experiences around Cleveland by way of a mobile concert venue called The Concert Truck. The festival will also offer an innovative chamber concert lead by 2013 Mixon First Prize Winner of the Cleveland International Piano Competition Stanislav Khristenko, showcasing the piano as a collaborative partner, and a solo recital featuring works of Florence Price by Sphinx Medal of Excellence Winner Michelle Cann, in partnership with Karamu House.

Surrounding the featured performances will be community events throughout Cleveland neighborhoods. “It is a huge part of our mission to help make music accessible to all beyond our signature competition,” said Marissa Glynias Moore, Executive Director. “We’re excited to reach new neighborhoods throughout PianoDays @CLE with the help of creative programming and partnerships with fellow Cleveland institutions.” Live music will be available on Cleveland’s East and West Side with Forte Fridays at Crocker Park and the Van Aken District. Downtown Clevelanders can experience a concert event of rock piano in partnership with the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Locally, Piano Cleveland’s Piano and Keyboard Donation Program recipients will be putting on a community recital. And throughout the summer, kids can enjoy a musical partnership with Cleveland Public Library called Keys to Read, sponsored by KeyBank.

PianoDays @CLE, presented with media sponsor Ideastream, culminates with the Dueling Pianos Gala on Sunday, August 14, 2022. The exciting musical showdown will feature eminent Israeli jazz pianist Omri Mor and Cleveland’s own Jackie Warren. Tickets for the show portion of the event and full gala experience can be purchased at pianocleveland.org beginning June 1.

The festival will gather international and local talent in Cleveland for three weeks, and tickets for the festival go on sale on June 1. Donor pre-sale tickets are available May 1. For additional information on PianoDays @CLE, Listening Series, and the Dueling Pianos Gala, visit pianocleveland.org.

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ABOUT PIANO CLEVELAND

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

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