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DYNAMIC PROGRAMMING TO KICK-OFF PIANO CLEVELAND'S 2023 SEASON

The 2023 Listening Series to set the stage for the Cleveland International Piano Competition & Institute for Young Artists

CLEVELAND, OH - MARCH 16, 2023 Leading up to the 2023 Cleveland International Piano Competition and Institute for Young Artists (CIPC & Institute for Young Artists), the organization has planned community programming, events, and spectacular performances kicking off with the 2023 Dynamic Duos Listening Series beginning in May. The programming will connect Clevelanders to the astounding young artistry coming from the next generation of classical music stars during the CPIC & Institute for Young Artists from July 5 - 16, 2023.

The three-part 2023 Listening Series is designed to demystify classical music while supporting audiences to better engage with the programming during CIPC & Institute for Young Artists. The first session kicks off on April 19 at Beachland Ballroom with the dynamic duo of Yaron Kohlberg, President of Piano Cleveland, and Christine Lamprea, cellist and Sphinx Medal of Excellence winner. Through their program It's a String Thing, Kohlberg and Lamprea take a deep dive into the world of the piano as a musical partner, especially in collaboration with string instruments. The series continues with It Takes A Village, hosted by piano faculty of Oberlin Conservatory of Music, Alvin Chow and Angela Cheng, on May 10, as they explore the essential elements of artistic success and how pianists hone their musical skills from a young age. The Listening Series concludes with mother and son pianist duo Olga and Vladislav Kern on May 31. They will present how their familial bond has shaped their pianistic careers with It's All Relative at Disciples Christian Church. Ticket and performance information is available at pianocleveland.org, and tickets can be purchased through the Box Office at 216.707.5397.

Following the Dynamic Duos Listening Series will be a number of events that will celebrate and engage the community in the extraordinary talent that will be coming to Cleveland, including:

JUNE 3 & 8: PIANO CLEVELAND LIVE

Continuing an annual tradition, Piano Cleveland kicks off their summer season with two free pop-up concerts at the Van Aken District and Crocker Park featuring local artists across all genres of piano music.

JUNE 22 - JUNE 25 & JUNE 29 - JULY 2: FIRST ROUND BROADCASTS OF CIPC FOR YOUNG ARTISTS

From London to Hamburg, Cleveland to New York, and Beijing to Seoul, the stunning recorded performances of the 32 CIPC for Young Artists contestants will be broadcast for free on the Piano Cleveland website and YouTube channel.

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JUNE 22 & JUNE 29: WATCH PARTIES

Clevelanders can experience the exceptional artistry of these young pianists on the big screen through two community watch parties featuring selections of the exquisite First Round of the competition. Each event is hosted by a leader in the local piano world and will include fun piano-themed activities and delicious food. Join us June 22 at Beachwood Community Center, and stay tuned for the location of the June 29 Watch Party.

JULY 5 & 9: STAR PERFORMANCES

JULY 5 - EVA GEVORGYAN - 2018 CIPC FOR YOUNG ARTIST WINNER, JUNIOR DIVISION MIXON HALL, CLEVELAND INSTITUTE OF MUSIC

Eva Gevorgyan, a twenty-year-old phenomenon who won the 2018 Cleveland International Piano Competition for Young Artists and the 2019 Van Cliburn Young Artist Competition, will be returning to Cleveland to showcase her electrifying talent in a program of piano masterworks as the kick-off to the 2023 Cleveland International Piano Competition and Institute.

JULY 9 - GABRIELA MONTERO REINBERGER CHAMBER HALL, SEVERANCE MUSIC CENTER

Experience music from the genre-bending superstar as she spins a program of Chopin, Schumann, and Stravinski masterpieces. Renowned for her improvisational skills, Gabriela Montero will perform an extended set of improvisations on themes both familiar and new.

JULY 6 & 8: CONTESTANTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Local communities will get the chance to hear the top six finalists perform through the Cleveland neighborhoods with free community performances at Guzzetta Hall, University of Akron on July 6, and Temple-Tifereth Israel on July 8.

JULY 13: CHAMBER ROUND - CIPC FOR YOUNG ARTISTS

Six finalists from the CIPC for Young Artists will come to Cleveland to perform chamber trios with members of The Cleveland Orchestra. The unparalleled experience for both pianists and audiences will showcase how young artists communicate and collaborate with professionals of the highest level.

JULY 15: CONCERTO ROUND - CIPC FOR YOUNG ARTISTS

Following the Chamber Round, six remaining young artists will make their Northeast Ohio orchestral debut with the Canton Symphony Orchestra, led by conductor Steven Byess. Finalists compete for over \$30,000 in prizes and exceptional performance opportunities.

JULY 5-15: CLEVELAND INTERNATIONAL PIANO INSTITUTE

Presented with the Cleveland Institute of Music in partnership with the Lang Lang International Music Foundation. Leading young international piano students will be learning, performing, and experiencing Cleveland at the Cleveland International Piano Institute through private lessons, masterclasses, and unique workshops. Select events of the Institute will be open to the public. Please visit pianostccleveland.org for more information.



JULY 16: CLAIR DE LUNE GALA

The Clair de Lune Gala is presented by the Sydell and Arnold Miller Family Heart, Vascular & Thoracic Institute at Cleveland Clinic in honor of Dr. Gösta and Ninna Pettersson. This fantastical fête will celebrate the culmination of the 2023 CIPC & Institute for Young Artists in the elegant Founders Ballroom of InterContinental Cleveland, the official hotel partner of the CIPC & Institute for Young Artists. Young stars will perform French classics alongside their mentors for an evening of moonlight and magic.

PIANO PALS: PRESENTED BY KAULIG GIVING

Aimed at supporting intercultural exchange between Cleveland students, their communities, and the young musicians of CIPC & Institute for Young Artists, the Piano Pals program provides opportunities for students to learn from one another and forge new international friendships. For local piano students, participants will start as pen pals and then get to meet and mingle at social outings where their growth as young pianists will continue, in addition to having the opportunity to serve on a Junior Jury for the competition this summer. Additional events will also be held with community partners.

For more information on performances, events, how to get involved, or to purchase tickets, please visit www.pianocleveland.org or call our Box Office at 216.707.5397.

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About Piano Cleveland

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 Cleveland International Piano Competition, the CIPC for Young Artists, a mixed-genre piano festival, and year-round education and community engagement programming.

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