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BIENNIAL PIANO COMPETITION

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COLLABORATION WITH UW–OSHKOSH, PIANOARTS NORTH AMERICAN COMPETITION, AND TWO ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ANNOUNCED

UW–Oshkosh and PianoArts partner to bring concert artist Jacob Ertl and students from Stanley-Webster and Franklin Elementary Schools to the campus

A partnership between University of Wisconsin–Oshkosh department of music and PianoArts will bring concert pianist Jacob Ertl to campus for a residency in March. The collaborative program will also include Student–to–Student programs for elementary students at Webster-Stanley and Franklin Elementary Schools, and culminate with a Youth Concert at the university. This residency will provide the resources of UW-Oshkosh and give university students firsthand opportunities to learn about community engagement and outreach programs.

Classes will be held for elementary students on the Webster-Stanley campus, 915 Hazel Street, on Thursday, March 4, at 11:45 a.m., Friday, March 5, at 9:00 a.m., and Wednesday, March 10, at 8:30 a.m. Classes for elementary students on the Franklin campus, 1401 West 5th Street, will be held on Tuesday, March 9, at 8:10 a.m. The culminating Youth Concert will be held on Thursday, March 11, at 9:30 a.m. in the Music Hall of the Arts and Communication Center (corner of Vine and Elmwood) on the campus of the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. On Thursday, March 11, at 7:30 p.m., Mr. Ertl will perform a recital for the general public, also in the university's Music Hall. On Friday, March 12, at 12:40 p.m., Mr. Ertl will meet with university students to speak about developing programs for diverse audiences and outreach programs. All programs are free to the public.

Mr. Ertl, a prizewinner in PianoArts' biennial competition and a frequent performer in PianoArts community outreach programs, will perform Igor Stravinsky's *The Firebird Suite* arranged for piano by Guido Agosti, plus selections from Edvard Grieg's *Lyric Pieces* for the Youth Concert. His public recital will also include César Franck's Prelude, Chorale, and Fugue. To prepare students Webster-Stanley and Franklin Elementary Schools for Mr. Ertl's in-school classes and culminating Youth Concert, teachers received teaching guides, compact discs, and other materials.

About PianoArts

The innovative PianoArts North American Piano Competition is open to young pianists, ages 15–20, who compete for cash prizes, fellowships, Milwaukee residencies, and performances. The 2010 competition and music festival will be June 3–9 at the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music in Milwaukee and the Sharon Lynn Wilson Center for the Arts in Brookfield. Semifinalists will

perform two recitals, and finalists will perform a complete concerto with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra. The festival also will include public recitals and master classes by PianoArts Music Director Andrews Sill and the international jury: José Fegahli, Joel Harrison, and Robert McDonald.

PianoArts fellowships are awarded to selected winners who work with PianoArts faculty and professional educators to provide quality, outcome-based interdisciplinary curricula to schools linked with Student-to-Student programs; prepare young students as PianoArts “In the Spotlight” performers; give piano lessons, master classes, and seminars on outreach programs; and perform Youth and Family Concerts in neighborhood churches, community centers, and on college campuses. Through these programs, PianoArts Fellows hone their skills and develop values for music careers that combine musical excellence with education and outreach. Since 2002, PianoArts education programs have served thousands of Milwaukee area youth and families.

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