

PIANOARTS



NATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION
AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

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PIANOARTS CONCERT & GALA – “FROM MIDDLE C TO CELEBRITY”– ON JUNE 26, 2007

Concert will feature international concert pianist Jie Chen, award-winning pianist Michelle Naughton, and PianoArts Music Director Andrews Sill. Jie Chen also will give master class

PianoArts will present twenty-one-year-old internationally acclaimed concert pianist, Jie Chen; award winning eighteen-year-old pianist, Michelle Naughton; and PianoArts Music Director Andrews Sill in a concert and gala – “From Middle C to Celebrity” – on Tuesday, June 26, 2007 at the Woman’s Club of Wisconsin, 813 East Kilbourn Avenue. Chen won first place in the PianoArts 2003 National Piano Competition and Naughton won first place in 2006.

The gala begins at 5:30 with a hors d’oeuvres reception, followed by the concert and dinner. Gala tickets, including the concert, are from \$40 to \$75; concert only from \$14 for students to \$25 for adults. For tickets, phone 414-962-3055 or via e-mail Info@PianoArts.org.

Chen has performed recitals throughout America and Europe and with symphony orchestras in Israel, Europe and the United States, including repeat engagements with the Minneapolis and New Jersey Symphony Orchestras. In the fall, she will open the El Paso Symphony Orchestra’s 2007-2008 season performing Rachmaninoff’s Piano Concerto No. 2. Naughton has performed with the Gulf Coast Symphony, at the Green Lake Festival of Music and other recitals throughout the United States. In July, she and her twin sister, Christina, will perform at Mequon’s Gathering on the Green with the Festival Orchestra and in March, with the Sheboygan Symphony Orchestra.

For the PianoArts concert, Jie Chen will perform a selection of sonatas by Scarlatti, Granados’ “Los Requebros” from *Goyescas* No.1 Suite for Piano, and Schulz-Evler’s Concert Arabesques on Johann Strauss, Jr.’s *Blue Danube* Waltzes. Michelle Naughton’s program will include Legiti’s *Fanfares* and Rachmaninoff’s Variations on a Theme by Corelli. After dinner, Sill will perform Earl Wild’s arrangements of Gershwin songs.

Jie Chen will also give a piano master class on Monday, June 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Steinway Piano Gallery of Milwaukee at 11550 West North Avenue, Wauwatosa. Pianists who wish to perform can contact PianoArts at Info@PianoArts.org. Auditors’ registration fee is \$10 at the door.

The PianoArts 2007 Gala is a kick-off for the 2008 PianoArts National Biennial Piano Competition and Music Festival from June 19 through 24. Contestants ages 15 – 19 from throughout the United States will perform solo recitals, duos with cellists and violinists from the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, and Finalists will perform a full concerto with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra. For more information visit www.PianoArts.org

Attached are biographies for Jie Chen, Michelle Naughton and Andrews Sill.

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