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New Arizona Musicfest concert series debuts November 7, 2009: "The Young Performers Recital Series at Steinway Hall"

August 27, 2009 – Carefree, Arizona – For three years, the Barnabas Society / Arizona Musicfest Young Musicians Showcase has enchanted audiences, both at Lincoln Hall on the St. Barnabas in the Desert campus and on KBAQ broadcasts, with classical music from exceptional young artists. This popular four-concert series is on hiatus in 2009-2010 because of construction at St. Barnabas in the Desert. The Showcase series is expected to resume in 2010-2011.

The good news is that a new Arizona Musicfest concert series makes its debut this season, "The Young Performers Recital Series at Steinway Hall." The first concert of the series, which is presented by Arizona Musicfest in partnership with Steinway & Sons, will be Saturday, November 7, at 11:30 a.m., followed by concerts on Saturday, January 9, 2010, at 3:30 p.m., and Saturday, April 24, at 3:30 p.m.

"Arizona Musicfest is passionate about extending performance opportunities to accomplished young musicians," said Andrea Terhune, Chairman of "The Young Performers Recital Series at Steinway Hall." "The commitment to 'Tomorrow's Stars Today' is taken very seriously."

"Arizona Musicfest celebrates the greatness of young musicians and wants to provide them with appreciative audiences. It is a pleasure to begin a new series with Steinway Hall to recognize and encourage outstanding young musicians in the Valley."

"Given the rigorous selection process the musicians go through, performance quality would meet high expectations," Lynn Bowers, Managing Director of Arizona Musicfest was quick to point out. "Each concert will feature three or four young musicians, from grades 7 to 12, and most likely an ensemble."

"The young artists who are performing are talents that we have heard in our Young Musicians Showcase, Young Musicians Competition and Young Artists Concert," confirmed Terhune. "They can choose what they will play for the Recital, but it must be mainly Classical. If they play a second piece, it can be a contrasting style."

While the piano will be a key element of every concert, the series is not restricted to solely that instrument. According to Bowers, "I can't promise you a tuba solo, but you never know!"

Each concert will last from 45 minutes to an hour, followed by a "Meet the Musicians" reception. The concerts are free and open to the public. Steinway Hall is located at 14418 N. Scottsdale Road, Suite 183, Scottsdale, 85254. For more information, call Arizona Musicfest at (480) 488-0806 or visit azmusicfest.org.