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Dakota Sky Prepares for Eighth Annual Season

The Dakota Sky International Piano Festival is preparing for their upcoming Eighth Annual Season, which takes place from June 14 – 28 at the Washington Pavilion in Sioux Falls. During the two weeks, there will be nearly 50 events, including evening recitals, free Children's Concerts and lunch-time seminars, and a Young Artist Program for auditioned students, featuring some of the world's foremost pianists and educators.

Evening Performances

The evening performances are semi-casual concerts that take place in the intimate setting of the Belbas Theater. The concert series kicks off on June 14 with a performance by Jacob Ertl, and continues with fellow Pennsylvanian Gregory DeTurk. Also performing are Adam Golka, a favorite with Dakota Sky and the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra, and Ukrainian-born and Sioux Falls-raised Angelina Gadeliya will also perform.

On Monday, June 21, Dakota Sky will present a chamber-music salon performance. It will be an informal, conversational, recital featuring multiple pianists, soprano Kayleen Sanchez, lutenist Laudon Schuett, and Sioux Falls' own Christian Zamora on violin and Kathryn Hufnagle on cello. Dakota Sky is incredibly excited to welcome world-renowned Canadian pianist and educator Jon Kimura Parker to close out the series on Saturday, June 28, as well as to help teach the students of the Young Artist Program.

Education and Outreach

Dakota Sky continues to develop its education and outreach efforts. New in 2014 is a partnership with the South Dakota Music Teachers Association, who will present their professional development conference alongside the last weekend of the Festival. Music teachers from around the state will come to Sioux Falls for workshops, master classes, and performances.

This year's Community Education program includes a series of free Children's Concerts and lunch-time Seminars. The Children's Concerts are a unique set of exciting concerts geared for children grades K-5. The kids get to sit on-stage and interact with the musicians in an active, participatory setting. The Seminar Series is an informal lunch-time discussion session with the guest artists, on topics tailored for both musicians and novice arts lovers.

The Dakota Sky Young Artist Program, now in its fourth year, features auditioned students from around the country and from South Dakota who come to Sioux Falls to participate in private lessons, master classes, seminars, and discussion sessions with Festival staff and guest artists. They also have two performance opportunities, which are free and open to the public. The Young Artists Program is the first and only of its kind in the area, furthering their goal to be a center for music education in the region.

More Information

For more ticketing and scheduling information, see the Dakota Sky website at www.dakotasky.org. There are season ticket packages available, as well as discounted tickets for students, music educators, and children.

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A complete schedule of events is included on page 2. Press materials, including artist photos and bios, can be found at www.dakotasky.org/press/.

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Belbas Theater, Washington Pavilion, Sioux Falls, SD

Recital and Spotlight Series

All Performances at 7:30pm

Saturday, June 14 – Jacob Ertl

Monday, July 16 – Gregory DeTurck

Thursday, June 19 – Adam Golka

Monday, June 23 – Salon Recital –Featuring Piano, Lute, Voice, Violin, and Cello

Thursday, June 26 – Angelina Gadeliya

Saturday, June 28 – Jon Kimura Parker

Young Artist Program Recitals

All performances at 7:30pm and are free to the public

Friday, June 20 – Chamber Recital

Friday, June 27 – Solo Recital

Children's Concert Series

Free and open to the public, tailored to grades K-5

Tuesday, June 17 – 10:00am – Stories Through Music

Tuesday, June 17 – 11:00am – Piano's Greatest Hits

Friday, June 20 – 10:00am – Virtuosity vs Lyricism

Friday, June 20 – 11:00am – Meet the Young Artists

Seminar Series

Free and open to the public – 12pm-1pm. Food allowed.

Monday, June 16 – Jacob Ertl – Music Outreach: Training the Next Generation

Wednesday, June 18 – Gregory DeTurck The Music of Poulenc

Friday, June 20 – Adam Golka – Practical Applications of Structural Awareness

Friday, June 27 – Angelina Gadeliya and Guests – The State of the Arts

Master Classes

All master classes take place from 2-5pm at Augustana College in the Humanities Building, unless noted.

Saturday, June 14 – Paul Sanchez

Sunday, June 15 – Jacob Ertl

Tuesday, June 17 – Gregory DeTurck

Friday, June 20 – Adam Golka

Tuesday, June 24 – Paul Sanchez

Wednesday, June 25 – Angelina Gadeliya

Friday, June 27 – Jon Kimura Parker (to take place in the Belbas Theater at the Washington Pavilion)