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Live Piano Chats Lead Up To The World's Largest Piano Lesson

(NAPSA)—No matter where you live, if you have a computer, you can have a front row seat at a breakthrough musical event this coming Fall.

“The World’s Largest Piano Lesson: Preparing for Performance” is a first-of-a-kind opportunity for people everywhere to participate in a rare interactive master class that will take place over the Internet. “It’s a revealing lesson that takes participants into the often secluded world of performance preparation,” explains Richard Bosworth, the virtuoso pianist who will headline the event at Lincoln Center in the fall.

Executive producer Deborah Esayian and her team of nearly 20 artistic, media and technology consultants and experts began preparing the WLPL project last January. The Web site was introduced in May to allow ample time for students and teachers of piano and music lovers everywhere to become familiar with the project and participate in the unfolding series of live piano chats that will take place monthly leading up to the event. The inaugural piano chat slated for July 18 at 8:30 p.m. EST, will take place at www.masterartists.com.

“Richard has always wanted to use the reach of the Internet to create an exciting community of those interested in classical piano,” said Esayian. “We envision a world community of piano aficionados coming together from time to time on line and receiving text, voice and sound in a completely interactive manner. She added, “This may have been achieved in other areas, but never before for those who study, teach and enjoy classical piano.”



Through an interactive webcast, people can take part in a world-wide piano lesson.

Bosworth, an Internationally known concert pianist and master teacher, will provide part of the lesson with a performance of selected pieces, including the *Andante spianato et grande polonaise brillante, Op. 22* by Frederic Chopin. His performance at Lincoln Center will be filmed to form the basis of a Webimentary™ that will use Internet streaming, live footage, MIDI technology, and interactive audience Q&A to provide an exclusive and unique program via the personal computer.

It will be webcast at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, October 16, 2005. “The beauty of this process is that there is no limit to the number of people who can participate and because of our sponsors, we are able to offer these pre-performance chats free to anyone,” added Esayian. The live Piano Chats will make world-renowned musicians and industry experts available to participants leading up to The World’s Largest Piano Lesson. For registration, further information, go to www.masterartists.com.