I LOVE A PIANO

NORTHWEST IOWA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
2013-2014 CONCERT SERIES

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2014

7:30 pm in the BJ Haan Auditorium on the campus of Dordt College

Christopher Stanichar
Principal Conductor
Welcome

Dear Friends of NISO,

Welcome to our Winter Pops Concert, I Love A Piano, the second concert of our 2013-14 season. Tonight we conclude the Celebrity Conductor Contest. Don’t forget to vote ($1=1 vote) for your favorite; voting continues through intermission. I’ll announce the winner at the opening of the second half, at which time that person will take over directing the orchestra! This is a fun and a huge fundraiser for the orchestra. Incidentally, there is no limit to your votes!

Tonight, we also start to display some of the artwork that will be auctioned at our Spring Concert, April 15. Area artists have graciously shared their talents by using string instruments and furniture as their “canvas”. Absolutely beautiful and unique works of art are the result. This Visual Arts Auction is another important fundraiser to help us meet our budget goals.

Sit back and enjoy Rich Ridenour presenting I Love A Piano. Enjoy truffles at intermission as you continue to vote for the celebrity conductors and view the artwork.

Musically Yours,
Norma Snyder Jones
NISO Board Chairperson

Good evening and welcome to the 2014 Winter Pops Concert: I Love A Piano! It is again, my pleasure on behalf of American State Bank, to welcome you to this special performance, and to thank you for your continued support of the Symphony.

As a patron of NISO, we extend our gratitude to the NISO musicians who, season after season, share their time and talent to provide us the finest in musical entertainment. We extend a special welcome - and thank you - to our guest pianist, Rich Ridenour, as he pays tribute to pianists of all genres - providing a little something for everyone from classical, jazz, to rock and roll, and with a touch of Victor Borge humor!

To top it all off, we look forward to finding out which one of the four distinguished gentlemen will be this year’s Celebrity Conductor!

Oh what a night - enjoy!

Sincerely,
Stanley W. Speer
President

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THE NORTHWEST IOWA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Christopher Stanichar, Conductor
Rich Ridenour, piano soloist

1 February 2014

SMITH  American National Anthem
McBRIEDE  Pumpkin Eater’s Little Fugue
BARROSO  American Salute
GUARALDI  Linus and Lucy
BEETHOVEN  Not Fur Elise
DEBUSSY  Clair de Lune
JOPLIN  Maple Leaf Rag
ADDINSELL  Warsaw Concerto

Intermission

STRAUSS  Radetsky March
BILLY JOEL  Root Beer Rag
ELTON JOHN  Funeral for A Friend
MANCINI  The Pink Panther
CONFREY  Kitten on the Keys
RACHMANINOFF  "Variation XVIII" from a Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini
GERSHWIN  Rhapsody in Blue

Please Note:
Flash photography and the use of recording devices is prohibited during NISO concerts.
Please disable all cell phones and pagers.
RICH RIDENOUR, pianist, has built a formidable career arranging and performing music of great piano favorites ranging from classical masterworks to American ragtime, jazz, and rock & roll. Recent orchestral engagements include Indianapolis, Kansas City, Topeka, Harrisburg, Grand Rapids, Detroit (covering for Peter Nero), Tucson, Evansville, Charleston, Elgin, Owensboro, and Mazatlan, Mexico as well as the Bravissimo Festival of Guatemala City. Each season Mr. Ridenour serves as pops director for the Dearborn Symphony Orchestra.

Mr. Ridenour developed educational programs as Education Director for the Gilmore Keyboard Festival in Kalamazoo, Michigan. He developed Camp Gilmore, Keys Fest and educational piano programs in the public schools and juvenile center. Mr. Ridenour has also taught piano at Aquinas College, Grand Valley State University, Calvin College, and Western Michigan University.

In 2011 Mr. Ridenour co-introduced City Keys to the city of Jacksonville, Florida. Six upright pianos painted by area professional artists bring energy to the downtown sidewalks for everyone to play and explore.

Since 2013 Sarasota has been home for Rich and his wife Stacy, who serves as development director for the Sarasota Opera. A native of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Mr. Ridenour received a Bachelor’s degree in music from the University of Michigan and a Master’s degree from the Juilliard School of Music. Mr. Ridenour is an international Steinway Artist.

CHRISTOPHER STANICHAR is the Principal Conductor of the Northwest Iowa Symphony, an ensemble of some of the finest musicians in northwest Iowa and southeast South Dakota. Stanichar was appointed to this position in 2011, following a number of guest appearances. Stanichar has continued NISO’s tradition of artistic excellence, innovative programming, and collaborations with guest artists from the region and beyond. Stanichar leads NSO in three concerts per season, in addition to the annual Concert for Children given each November for over 900 area 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students. He has been praised for “his obvious energy, great joy directing, and outright enthusiasm.” (Peter Wagner, Northwest Iowa Review).

In addition to his position with Northwest Iowa Symphony Orchestra, Stanichar is Associate Professor and Director of Orchestras at Augustana College (Sioux Falls, SD), where he conducts the Augustana Orchestra and the Augustana College and Community Orchestra. He also conducts the South Dakota Symphony Youth Orchestra and the Worthington Area Symphony Orchestra in Minnesota.

Stanichar has conducted professional orchestras in Europe, Russia, Mexico, and the United States, including the Slovak Radio Symphony Orchestra, St. Petersburg Symphony Orchestra (Russia), Sochi Symphony Orchestra (Russia), Orquesta Sinfónica Juvenil del Estado de Veracruz (Mexico), and many orchestras in the United States.

Stanichar earned his Doctorate of Musical Arts in conducting at the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music where he was a student of Gerard Samuel. In 1966 he was awarded a Fulbright scholarship to study conducting in Slovakia, where he appeared as a guest conductor of many top orchestras in that country. In 1997 he was appointed Conducting Assistant for the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, where he was mentored by maestros Jesús López-Cobos and Erich Kunzel.

Stanichar is an active composer; his works have been commissioned and performed throughout the world. His Trioson was used in the Ric Burns’ PBS documentary, Andy Warhol. More recent projects include a full-length cantata, St. Mark Passion, written as part of a Granskou grant for the 150th anniversary of Augustana College. His Variations on a Theme by Handel for string orchestra is featured in the independent film, Dust of War. TrecCo-Varner Music has published several of his works for English horn.

Stanichar enjoys making music with his wife, Kristi; they are blessed with four children, all of whom are active in music.

THE NORTHWEST IOWA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA comprises the finest musicians in the tri-state area. Teaching principals are of a professional caliber and function as first chair players and teachers in sectional rehearsals. The orchestra’s 80 members include adults of all ages as well as gifted music students ranging in age from high school through college. Six of these students are recipients of scholarships from Friends of the Symphony for the purpose of continuing their private music instruction. NSO presents three concerts each season in addition to the annual Concert for Children, which is given each November for 900 area 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students.
NISO's Third Celebrity Conductor Contest is being held tonight in conjunction with the Winter Pops Concert, I LOVE A PIANO. Prominent local individuals have been invited to compete by soliciting support from family and friends. Each dollar donated to NISO will constitute one vote, with results tabulated during intermission. After intermission, all the candidates will be recognized and thanked for their willingness to support NISO in this fundraiser. The winner, with attire and baton of choice, will then have the distinct and well-earned privilege of conducting the orchestra in a special selection.

John Heller – Orange City

John Heller grew up in Dunlap, IA, where his parents operated a service station and convenience store. He attended Iowa State, where he earned an Ag Business degree with an emphasis in finance. He has been a banker for more than 17 years, serving since 2012 as President of Northwestern Bank of Orange City and Sheldon. John has always been an active community volunteer and is currently a member of the Orange City Fire Department. His love for music started as a young boy listening to his parents, who were great vocalists in the church choir. He began playing the trombone in the fifth grade band and played throughout high school, where he was also active in the choir. John still gets the trombone out on occasion to entertain his five-year-old daughter, Allison, and his three-year-old son, Henry. They like to try to “toot” the trombone and may follow in their father’s footsteps. John and his wife, Rhonda, are expecting another potential musician in early February. They look forward to raising their family in Orange City. John would consider it a great honor to be chosen as NISO’s guest conductor tonight.

Scott Rens – Hull/Sioux Center

Scott Rens was born and raised in Sioux Center. He was exposed to classical music in grade school and fondly remembers trying to “hear” the sunrise in the Grand Canyon Suite and to pick out the animals in Peter and the Wolf. Aaron Copland’s Variations on a Shaker Melody was one of Scott’s favorite high school band performances. Since then, listening to music has been part of his heart and soul. He’s been known to tear up during the Hallelujah Chorus or Pavarotti’s singing of Nessun Dorma. In midlife he discovered smooth jazz, but classical music is his favorite. Dr. Rens practices medicine in Hull and Sioux Center. A husband and father of three, he also enjoys watching hockey, riding motorcycle, and playing with his adopted dogs. One thing he has not yet done, though, is to conduct an orchestra!
Ron Rynders – Sioux Center
After graduating from Dordt College, Ron Rynders served Christian schools in various places as both a teacher and an administrator. Returning to Dordt, he served in several capacities in Student Services, where he was affectionately known by the students as “Uncle Ron.” A curious person, Ron has been involved in all sorts of things: beekeeping, maintaining a huge yard and garden, and even reconstructing a windmill in his backyard. Ron and his wife, Karen, love music and have sung in the Sioux County Oratorio Chorus and in church choirs. They attend all the concerts they can find, and Ron hums along with his bees. You can help Ron to round out his musical “career” with a little orchestral experience by electing him as the NISO Celebrity Conductor of 2014!

Peter Wagner – Sheldon/Sibley
Peter W. Wagner remembers that his older brother, who shared his bedroom, woke him every morning with recordings ranging from Respighi’s The Pines of Rome to Bach’s Mass in B minor. Peter and his wife, Connie, moved to Northwest Iowa in 1962 to establish The Golden Shopper. Ten years later they founded The N’West Iowa REVIEW. A nationally recognized speaker, Wagner is an ordained minister and the current president of Circus Fans Association of America. He reports, though, that he can’t read a note of music; he’s that guy in the group who always claps on the offbeat. In order to save NISO from a directing experience worse than death, Peter suggests that you give him all the voting dollars possible with a note indicating that they are voting against him! When not working, Wagner spends his time with his four grandchildren who, unlike him, are very musically talented.
## Personnel

### First Violin
- Sarah De Smith, Dordt College
- Jennifer Frens, Sioux Center
- Joelle Lieuwen, Dordt College
- David Mortenson, MOC-FV HS
- Kirbee Nykamp, Sioux Center
- Tim Rylaarsdam, Sioux Center
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- Nancy Shih, Boyden-Hull HS

### Second Violin
- Jacilee Andringa, Trinity Christian HS
- Matt Augustine, Dordt College
- Faith Bierma, Dordt College
- Emily Friend, Dordt College
- Maria Koemen, Netherlands Ref. Chr. HS
- Lisa Medema, Sioux Center
- Andrew Nilles, Sheldon HS
- Abigail Olson, Dordt College
- Hannah Van Maanen, Dordt College
- Ashley Ver Hoef, Dordt College
- Mindy Walstra-Hummel, Sioux Center
- Jacilee Andringa, Trinity Christian HS
- Matt Augustine, Dordt College
- Faith Bierma, Dordt College
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- Hannah Van Maanen, Dordt College
- Ashley Ver Hoef, Dordt College
- Mindy Walstra-Hummel, Sioux Center

### Viola
- Shari Boone, Sioux Center
- Maggie Drexler, Dordt College
- Fei Chen, Sioux Falls
- Derek Friend, Dordt College
- Gary Vander Hart, Sioux Center
- Kayla Zwart, Dordt College
- Shari Boone, Sioux Center
- Maggie Drexler, Dordt College
- Fei Chen, Sioux Falls
- Derek Friend, Dordt College
- Gary Vander Hart, Sioux Center
- Kayla Zwart, Dordt College

### Cello
- Matthew Boer, Dordt College
- Laura Cooper, Sioux Falls
- Diane Hibma, Sioux Center
- Hannah McGarvey, Alton
- Sonora Ruybal, Augustana College
- Cathie Tier, Orange City
- Matthew Boer, Dordt College
- Laura Cooper, Sioux Falls
- Diane Hibma, Sioux Center
- Hannah McGarvey, Alton
- Sonora Ruybal, Augustana College
- Cathie Tier, Orange City

### String Bass
- Ranae Boonstra, Dordt College
- John Casey, Sioux Falls
- Marian Casey, Sioux Falls
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- Marian Casey, Sioux Falls

### Flute/Piccolo
- Shannon Abels, Sioux Falls
- Anna Davis, Spencer
- Sue De Haan, Orange City
- Shannon Abels, Sioux Falls
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- Sue De Haan, Orange City

### Oboe/English Horn
- Michael Elsbernd, Sioux Falls
- Lacey Semansky, Univ. of South Dakota
- Kristi Stanichar, Sioux Falls
- Michael Elsbernd, Sioux Falls
- Lacey Semansky, Univ. of South Dakota
- Kristi Stanichar, Sioux Falls

### Clarinet/Bass Clarinet
- Beverly Gibson, Sioux Falls
- Susan LeMahieu, Orange City
- Shirley Van Engen, Boyden
- Beverly Gibson, Sioux Falls
- Susan LeMahieu, Orange City
- Shirley Van Engen, Boyden

### Bassoon
- Fei Chen, Sioux Falls
- Tanner Van Wyhe, Unity Christian HS
- Fei Chen, Sioux Falls
- Tanner Van Wyhe, Unity Christian HS

### Trombone
- Michael Groenenboom, Dordt College
- Matt Honken, Northwestern College
- Vance Shoemaker, Hawarden
- Sarah Stoter, Northwestern College
- Devin Veenstra, Dordt College
- Michael Groenenboom, Dordt College
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### Tuba
- Richard Bogenrief, Merrill
- Kevin Haan, Sioux City
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- Richard Bogenrief, Merrill
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- Dan Mangold, Orange City

### Percussion
- Titus Landegent, Le Mars
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