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Presents

Lang Lang, piano

on Sunday, October 30, 3pm
at Symphony Hall

(Boston) Celebrity Series of Boston will present pianist Lang Lang on Sunday, October 30, 2011 at 3pm at Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Ave., Boston. Sponsored by Eleanor and Frank Pao. This is an Aaron Richmond recital.

Tickets for Lang Lang are \$83, \$67 and \$50, and are available by calling CelebrityCharge at (617) 482-6661 Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., online at www.celebrityseries.org or at the Symphony Hall box office, 301 Massachusetts Ave., Boston.

This performance marks Lang Lang's fourth appearance with **Celebrity Series**; his first was in 2003 and his most recent in 2007.

Lang Lang began playing piano at the age of 3, and by the age of 5, he had won the Shenyang Competition and had given his first public recital. Entering Beijing's Central Music Conservatory at age 9, he won first prize at the Tchaikovsky International Young Musicians Competition and played the complete 24 Chopin Études at the Beijing Concert Hall at age 13. Twenty-eight-year-old Lang Lang has played recitals and concerts in every major city in the world and is the first Chinese pianist to be engaged by the Vienna Philharmonic, Berlin Philharmonic and all the top American orchestras.

Lang Lang recently appeared in the 2009 Time 100 – Time Magazine's annual list of the 100 Most Influential People in the World. In 2008, more than five billion people viewed Lang Lang's performance in Beijing's opening ceremony for the Games of the XXIX Olympiad, where he was seen as a symbol of the youth and the future of China. In 2008, The Recording Academy named him their Cultural Ambassador to China, and most recently, Lang Lang was chosen as an official worldwide ambassador to the 2010 Shanghai Expo, where he played at the opening ceremony.

For nearly a decade, Lang Lang has been giving back to children around the world through volunteer activities such as mentoring young talented pianists, convening 100 piano students in concert; performing for sick children in hospitals; delivering classical music recitals in underserved and remote communities; and donating his musical talents to raise awareness of other charitable causes. Lang Lang's charitable efforts led to the recent launch of the Lang Lang International Music Foundation, with the mission of inspiring the next generation of classical music lovers and performers by cultivating tomorrow's top pianists, championing music education at the forefront of technology and building a young audience through live music experiences.

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Lang Lang gives master classes regularly throughout the world at institutions including the Curtis Institute of Music, the Juilliard School, Manhattan School of Music and Hanover Conservatory, as well as all the top conservatories in China, where he holds honorary professorships. He has held music residencies, which include master classes for exceptional students, in Chicago, Toronto, San Francisco, London, Rome and Stockholm. Lang Lang also holds the title of the first Ambassador of the YouTube Symphony Orchestra. His biography, *Journey of a Thousand Miles: My Story*, published by Random House in 11 languages, was released in 2008, and his autobiography, *Lang Lang: Playing with Flying Keys*, was released in 2010.

The program for the performance is as follows:

Program:

J.S. Bach

Partita No.1 in B-flat Major BWV 825

Schubert

Sonata in B-flat major, D.960

Chopin

12 Etudes, Op. 25

Lang Lang Master Class

Lang Lang will present a masterclass in association with the Celebrity Series of Boston and Harvard University Office of the Arts, Learning From Performers, on Saturday, October 29 at 3pm at Sanders Theatre. Admission free and open to the public, tickets required.

Tickets will be distributed to Harvard affiliates from Tuesday, October 18 through Thursday, October 20 in person only at the Harvard Box Office (1350 Massachusetts Ave. at Holyoke Center, Harvard Square). Limit two per person with valid Harvard ID.

All remaining tickets, limit two per person, will be available beginning Friday, October 21. Remaining tickets available by phone and online (service fees apply) as well as in person: 617.496.2222 (TTY 617.495.1642), www.boxoffice.harvard.edu

About Celebrity Series of Boston

The Celebrity Series of Boston is New England's leading presenter of music, dance and the performing arts from around the world. Now in its 73rd season, the Celebrity Series brings performances by instrumental and vocal soloists, orchestras and chamber ensembles, dance companies, jazz, folk and ethnic artists and ensembles to Boston's major concert halls. Through the Arts, Education and Community Program, the Celebrity Series reaches thousands of youngsters annually with opportunities to experience and participate in the performing arts through concerts, workshops and the award-winning AileyCamp Boston, an intensive six-week summer dance program for Boston middle school students. For more information on Celebrity Series of Boston, call (617) 482-2595 or visit us online at www.celebrityseries.org.

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