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Pianist Louis Nagel Presents Concerts & Lectures on Schubert

May 5, 2011 — Ann Arbor, Mich. — After a truly memorable residency on the music of Beethoven last summer, celebrated pianist Louis Nagel returns to Kerrytown Concert House this July, this time with a focus on Franz Schubert. He performs Schubert's sonatas in A Minor, D. 845, G Major, D. 894 and A Major, D. 664, as well as B-flat Major, D. 960, which holds a special place in Nagel's heart: "It's my favorite piece in the whole wide universe," he says. "It's the music I'm most deeply connected with." He performs two concerts on **Thursday, July 7 at 8 p.m.** and **Sunday, July 10 at 4 p.m. at Kerrytown Concert House.**

As part of his residency, Nagel will give two **free lectures**, which take place the day before each of his concerts. The first lecture, scheduled for **Wednesday, July 6 at 8 p.m.** focuses on the music of Schubert, while the second, on **Saturday, July 9 at 4 p.m.** explores the behind-the-scenes work that a pianist goes through to prepare for a performance. Nagel will use Schubert passages to illustrate techniques like pedaling, phrasing and how to choose a tempo. "It humanizes the performer and the experience as well," he says.

Louis Nagel is a prizewinner of several competitions including the National Arts Club and Geneva International Competition. He has appeared in six New York recitals, the national Gallery in Washington, D.C., and radio and television broadcasts. Nagel has received critical acclaim for his performances in Australia, Canada and Europe. Jim Leonard of the Ann Arbor Observer writes: "Louis Nagel's got a pearly tone, a subtle touch, a brilliant technique, a firm grasp of form, a robust sense of rhythm, a lovely way of spinning out a phrase for maximum lyrical effectiveness, and a deft way of balancing lines so that every strand is clear." Dr. Nagel has coupled his performing career with an equally distinguished academic one, having served on the piano faculty of the University of Michigan since 1969.

Tickets for the concerts are \$30 for seats in rows 1-2, \$20 for rows 3-5, \$15 for general admission and \$5 for students. The lectures are free of charge. Visit www.kerrytownconcerthouse.com or call 734-769-2999 to reserve tickets. Kerrytown Concert House is located at 415 N. 4th Ave. in Ann Arbor, Mich. *This series is supported by the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts.*

About Kerrytown Concert House

Kerrytown Concert House is an arts organization focused on community engagement and bringing fine artists and their audiences together. An intimate 110-seat venue, KCH offers concerts encompassing a wide range of musical styles, while rotating art exhibits are displayed on the walls of the house. Always noted for its classical music programming, KCH was recently named by DownBeat Magazine as one of the top 150 jazz venues in the world. Kerrytown Concert House is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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