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University of Minnesota, Morris celebrates "Piano Month" throughout February with free events

Summary: Warm up your winter nights with the romance of Robert Schumann, the classics of Frederic Chopin, Franz Liszt, and Ludwig van Beethoven, and sensational jazz.

(January 20, 2010)-The University of Minnesota, Morris (UMM) [Music Discipline](#) is thrilled to present “Piano Month” during February 2010. Warm up your winter nights with the romance of Robert Schumann, the classics of Frederic Chopin, Franz Liszt, and Ludwig van Beethoven, and sensational jazz. All events are free and open to the public.

Ksenia Nosikova on February 2

On Tuesday, February 2, at 7:30 p.m., Distinguished Visiting Artist and Professor Ksenia Nosikova, associate professor of piano at the University of Iowa, will perform a recital in the Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall that includes works by Robert Schumann, Frederic Chopin, and Franz Liszt. Nosikova’s performances have been praised as “...full of light, warmth, and joy.” Her recording of the *Italie* volume of Franz Liszt’s *Years of Pilgrimage* was called a “super disc” and was chosen as one of six recommendable recordings by *International Piano* magazine. Nosikova’s performance is made possible in part by a generous donation from the UMM Performing Arts Series.

On Wednesday, February 3, from 9 until 10 a.m., during a piano master class in Recital Hall, UMM piano students will observe Nosikova’s artistry at the piano and two students will play. Jennifer Riestenberg, music minor, Perham, will play Beethoven’s *Sonata in A-flat, Op. 26, first movement*, and Sarah Mensen, music major, St. Paul, will play Alberto Ginastera’s *Suite de Danzas Criollas*.

Ann DuHamel on February 14

On Sunday, February 14, at 7:30 p.m., Ann DuHamel, newly appointed UMM head of keyboard studies, will give a solo faculty recital in Recital Hall. The Valentine’s Day celebration of romantic music will feature the poetic music of Liszt, the philosophical and transcendent music of Beethoven, and the festive fireworks of Schumann’s *Carnaval*.

Laura Caviani on February 19

On Friday, February 19, at 7:30 p.m., jazz pianist Laura Caviani will perform with UMM jazz ensembles as guest soloist for a [2010 Celebration](#) event at the Morris Area Schools Concert Hall. Her playing has been described as “beautiful, intelligent, searching, graceful, witty, warm, and passionate.” The free concert is a gift to the community from the campus in recognition of the University of Minnesota, Morris’s 50th anniversary year and the 100th anniversary of the founding of the West Central School of Agriculture.

Daniel Rieppel on February 18

On Thursday, February 25, at 7:30 p.m., guest artist Daniel Rieppel, Southwest Minnesota State University associate professor of piano and Southwest Minnesota Orchestra music director, will perform a solo piano recital in Recital Hall. Rieppel also serves on the faculties of Webster University, Vienna Conservatory of Music, and the St. Paul Conservatory of Music. His ties to Morris began as a youngster taking piano lessons on the Morris campus.

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