

## MostArts Festival welcomes back concert pianist Andreas Klein

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ALFRED, NY German-born pianist Andreas Klein returns to Alfred University for the fifth annual MostArts Festival and will perform with the MostArts Festival Orchestra, under the direction of Maestro Yuval Zaliouk.

Klein's solo performance of Beethoven's magnificent *Piano Concerto No. 4* is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 10, in Miller Theater. He has appeared at every MostArts Festival since the event's inception in 2014 and also serves as chair of the piano competition jury.

"As piano soloist with the MostArts Festival Orchestra I have witnessed the enthusiasm and seriousness about the orchestra musicians each year," Klein said, when asked what brings him back to Alfred each year for festival. "The ensemble has grown from a chamber orchestra size in the first year to a typical symphony with excellent players cultivating a cohesive sound under the leadership of Yuval Zaliouk. The task of performing a multitude of piano concerti and symphonies is mastered by this orchestra, and I look forward to returning to collaborate again in 2018!"

Klein has distinguished himself as a dynamic and compelling performer with his command of a wide range of tonal colors and imaginative interpretations. The *New York Times* declared him "a fascinating artist with all the indispensable qualities: temperament, taste, touch, tone, the four T's of pianism," and, "a pianist who makes silences sound like music." His career as orchestra soloist and recitalist has taken him to the world's most prestigious venues: from London's Wigmore Hall, Berlin's Philharmonic Hall, New York's Carnegie Hall and Alice Tully Hall, to Washington, DC's Kennedy Center.

In addition to the concerto performance, the audience will have the opportunity to attend a free Master Class, Saturday, July 14, at 2 p.m. in Miller Theater. There, Klein will coach several young pianists on technique and interpretation in a public lesson forum.

Tickets for the July 10 concert may be purchased online at [mostarts.alfred.edu](http://mostarts.alfred.edu), or from the Alfred University

Bookstore, the MostArts Shop on Main Street or by calling 607-871-2828.