

## Acclaimed Italian pianist Attesti to perform at Alfred University

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Francesco Attesti

ALFRED, NY Alfred University will host Italian pianist Francesco Attesti's solo recital of Johann Sebastian Bach's "Goldberg Variations" on Saturday, Nov. 4.

The concert, free and open to the public, will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Miller Theater. It is sponsored by Mayor Shawn Hogan and the City of Hornell, with support from the Alfred University Division of Performing Arts.

The 42-year-old Attesti is a pianist of international acclaim. Born in Corona, Italy in 1975, he was a child prodigy who began playing piano at age 6 and gave his first concert at 11, going on to win several national and international piano competitions.

He performs regularly in internationally prestigious concert halls like Philharmonia Hall in St. Petersburg, Russia; Tchaikovsky Conservatory in Moscow, Russia; Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria; Philharmonie Essen, International Piano Festival, in Warsaw, Poland; Cambridge University, England; Columbia University, New York City; and the Conservatory "G. Verdi" in Milan, Italy.

The "Goldberg Variations" consist of an aria and a set of 30 variations and is considered one of Bach's most celebrated works. First published in 1741, it is considered one of the most important examples of variation form and is one of the most demanding works ever written for keyboard.

Following the concert at Alfred University, Attesti will be available for a meet-and-greet reception in the lobby of Miller Theater, where CDs of his work can be purchased.