Legendary Horowitz Steinway arrives ahead of Alfred University S MostArts Festival 6/22/18



Nathan Baldwin, piano technician, installs the foot pedals on the Horowitz Steinway Piano.

ALFRED, NY The legendary Steinway & Sons Model D Horowitz Piano, which will be a centerpiece of the upcoming MostArts Festival at Alfred University, arrived on campus Friday.

The stunning piano a nine-foot grand and one of Steinway&s most revered designs was set up in the lobby of Miller Theater, where it will be on display throughout the MostArts Festival, July 8-14. The famous instrument, which accompanied classical legend Vladimir Horowitz (1903-89), has been on tour throughout the United States.

The tour provides a rare opportunity for the public to see, hear, touch and even play CD 503, which was known to be one of Horowitz&s favorite instruments. Festival audience members will have a chance to hear the Horowitz Steinway each evening from 7-7:20 p.m., when pianists Anthony Pattin and Lucy Mauro perform prior to the MostArts Festival Evening Concert Series.

The MostArts festival begins with the Opening Gala Concert at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 8, in Miller Theater. The concert will feature the talents of Alice Zhang, winner of the Young Pianist Competition from the 2017 MostArts Festival. Zhang will perform Chopin's Piano Concerto No. 1 with the International Festival Orchestra, under the direction of Maestro Yuval Zaliouk.

Other events scheduled throughout the week will include a number of musical performances and concerts, workshops and art exhibitions in the University&s museums and galleries.

Once again, the Festival will offer the noontime "Sound Bites Sampler" Chamber Music Series. The free performances feature various groups of musicians performing gems of the chamber music repertoire. The Evening Concert Series includes internationally-renowned pianists Andreas Klein and Angelin Chang, and violinist Blanca Cecilia Gonzalez.

Eight finalists in the <u>Young Pianist Competition</u> will vie for a \$10,000 grand prize, given in memory of late Alfred University faculty member and longtime Wellsville resident Robert Hutter. These extraordinary young musicians will perform solo recitals as well as concertos with the Festival Orchestra during the final round of the competition.

In addition to great music, there will be an opportunity to see great art during the "Music Under the Stars" Gallery Hop and BBQ featuring the Alfred Art Walk. Visitors are invited to take the tour to various galleries on campus and around the Alfred community. The Art Walk culminates at the Alfred Ceramic Art Museum, an exhibition by ceramic artist, Cristina Cordova, and another featuring selected prints by Elisabeth Pellathy, Lee Somers, and Scott Stephens.

A variety of one-day workshops for all levels of ability are offered in clay, plein air, creative writing, guzheng, food carving, cooking classics, flower arranging, and a very special free children's mural project. Space is limited for each workshop, so sign up today. Information and Registration can be found on the MostArts website under Workshops.

For more information on the Festival, including a complete schedule of events, and to purchase tickets, please visit the <u>MostArts website</u>. Ticket inquiries can also be made by emailing <u>MostArts@alfred.edu</u> or by calling Lantz at 607-871-2569.