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**Pianists From Around the World Gather for the
2016 University of Florida International Piano Festival June 11-18**

Gainesville, Fla., May 16, 2016 — Twenty-five outstanding college and pre-college pianists from six countries will gather once again at the University of Florida (UF) in Gainesville, Florida, June 11-18 for the 2016 UF International Piano Festival. Student participants will enjoy lessons and masterclasses with distinguished teachers from across North America and China while the public can attend daily free masterclasses and recitals.



Originating in 2007 as the Chinese-American International Piano Institute (CAIPI), the festival has hosted some of the finest performers and teachers from around the world. This year's participants will experience first-rate instruments as well as excellent practice and performance spaces on UF's beautiful campus. This year's festival is presented by the UF School of Music with support from the UF Office of Research, UF Health, Visit Gainesville, The Trophy Shop and Hoggtowne Music.

This year's guest artist faculty members are: **Daniel Shapiro** of the Cleveland Institute of Music, Cleveland, Ohio; **Logan Skelton** of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan; **Zhou Ying** of the Central Conservatory of Music, Beijing, China; and **Kevin Robert Orr** and **Rok Palčič** from UF.

"UFIPF 2016 promises to once again thrill the Gainesville community with a full schedule of concerts and masterclasses, all free and open to the public," said Kevin Robert Orr, director. "Afternoon masterclasses and nightly concerts will feature young artists from Canada, China, Russia, Croatia, South Korea and the United States performing the masterworks of Beethoven, Chopin, Debussy, Liszt, Mozart and many others."

Below is a schedule of this year's public events. All events take place in the Music Building, Room 101 unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, June 11:

3:30-5:30 p.m.: Masterclass with Rok Palčič

7:30 p.m.: Participant Recital

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Sunday, June 12:

3:30-5:30 p.m.: Masterclass with Daniel Shapiro

7:30 p.m.: Participant Recital

Monday, June 13:

12 p.m.: Participant Recital at UF Health Shands Hospital, South Tower

3:30-5:30 p.m.: Masterclass with Kevin Robert Orr

7:30 p.m.: Participant Recital

Wednesday, June 15:

3:30-5:30 p.m.: Masterclass with Logan Skelton

7:30 p.m.: Participant Recital

Thursday, June 16:

3:30-5:30 p.m.: Masterclass with Zhou Ying

7:30 p.m.: Participant Recital

Friday, June 17:

12 p.m.: Participant Recital at UF Health Shands Hospital, North Tower

7:30 p.m.: Participant Recital

Saturday, June 18:

10 a.m.: Pre-College Solo Competition

1:30 p.m.: Final Participant Recitals

To learn more, visit www.arts.ufl.edu/pianofestival. Join the conversation online by using the hashtag #UFIPF16.

About the UF School of Music

The School of Music is one of the University of Florida College of the Arts' three institutionally-accredited schools. The School of Music plays an important role in the academic life of the University and the community. The school's programs provide broad-based instruction in performance, composition, history and literature and music disciplines, through a strong curriculum as well as through professional experiences such as ensembles and internships. UF students also have the opportunity to join more than a dozen music ensembles, including jazz bands, the University Choir, the UF Symphony Orchestra and the "Pride of the Sunshine" Fightin' Gator Marching Band. To learn more, visit www.arts.ufl.edu/music.

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