

Press Release – For Immediate Release

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## **38 Pianists from 24 Countries visit USF for Rebecca Penneys Piano Festival 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Jul 10-29<sup>th</sup>**

Steinway Artist Rebecca Penneys' Piano Festival (RPPF), held at University of South Florida School of Music, is celebrating its 5<sup>th</sup> season. From 140 applicants worldwide, RPPF will offer wide-ranging classes and private study for 38 participants from 24 countries with an international faculty of 19. RPPF, a non-profit 501(c)(3) is a tuition-free gift for all students. Many generations of wonderful pianists share performing and teaching expertise with one another and with the public. Concerts are free and RPPF welcomes all music lovers. The Festival also includes the RPPF Ambassador Performance Series, which presents RPPF pianists in recital throughout Tampa Bay in 10 different venues. RPPF is entirely donor supported. Individual, corporate and institutional gifts build its future.

## **2017 RPPF Calendar of Events FREE Events in Barness Hall 3755 USF Holly Dr., Tampa, FL 33620**

### **Festival Soirée Concerts – University of South Florida, Barness Recital Hall**

July 15 at 2pm	Rebecca Penneys
July 18 at 3pm	E-Na Song & Benjamin Warsaw
July 20 at 3pm	Eunmi Ko & Omri Shimron
July 21 at 7pm	RPPF Student Showcase Concert & Reception
July 22 at 7pm	RPPF Student Showcase Concert & Reception
July 27 at 7pm	RPPF Student Showcase Concert & Reception
July 28 at 7pm	2 Pianos 4 Pianists 8 Hands 40 Fingers Extravaganza!

### **Ambassador Performing Series – Venues throughout Tampa Bay**

July 14 at 2pm	WUSF – live radio broadcast, Tampa
July 14 at 7:30pm	SPC Gibbs Music Center, St Petersburg (\$10 at door)
July 16 at 2pm	Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church, Clearwater
July 16 at 2:30pm	Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church, Tampa
July 16 at 2:30pm	First Presbyterian Church, St Petersburg

July 18 at 3pm      Royal Palms, Largo  
July 20 at 6:30pm    Westminster Shores, St Petersburg  
July 22 at 2pm      Museum of Fine Arts, Marly Room, St Petersburg  
July 24 at 11am     WUSF – live radio broadcast, Tampa  
July 27 at 4pm      Eckerd College, ASPEC Lewis House, St Petersburg

**Masterclasses – 7pm, University of South Florida, Barness Recital Hall**

July 11              Rebecca Penneys, Emeritus Eastman School of Music  
July 12              Yoshikazu Nagai, San Francisco Conservatory of Music  
July 13              Boris Slutsky, Peabody Conservatory  
July 14              Alan Chow, Eastman School of Music  
July 17              Christopher Harding, University of Michigan  
July 18              Michael Lewin, The Boston Conservatory at Berklee  
July 19              Rebecca Penneys, Emeritus Eastman School of Music  
July 20              Blanca Uribe, EAFIT University  
July 24              Barry Snyder, Eastman School of Music  
July 25              Tannis Gibson, University of Arizona  
July 26              Roberta Rust, Lynn University

**Legacy Forums – 3pm, University of South Florida, School of Music Building**

July 13              Q&A with Faculty  
July 14              Gyorgy Sebok (film)  
July 25              Barry Snyder  
July 27, 2pm        Rebecca Penneys  
July 28              Gyorgy Sebok (film)

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**Professor Emerita of Piano at Eastman School of Music, Rebecca Penneys** is a recitalist, chamber musician, orchestral soloist, educator and adjudicator. For over 6 decades she has been hailed as a pianist of prodigious talent and has played throughout the USA, East Asia, Australia, New Zealand, South America, Europe, Middle East and Canada. Rebecca is a popular guest artist, keynote speaker and teacher nationally and internationally. She has taught international students worldwide for over 50 years. Her current and former students include prizewinners in international competitions, and hold important teaching posts on every continent. She is also *Artist-in-Residence* at St Pete College and holds a courtesy position as *Steinway-Artist-in-Residence* at USF. <http://rebeccapenneys.com>

**-- "A sensational effect was created by the playing of Rebecca Penneys. She is a genius of the piano." -Express Wieczorny, Warsaw**