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Makrokosmos Project 3rd year Anniversary Celebration!

Makrokosmos Project celebrates its 3rd anniversary with a performance featuring highlights from the last 3 years! The free concert will take place at the new Portland Piano Company on NE Columbia Blvd on Thursday, November 9th at 7pm, and a food & wine reception will immediately follow. Performers are: Jeff Payne, Monica Ohuchi, Deborah Cleaver, Susan Smith, Julia Lee, Alexander Schwarzkopf and DUO Stephanie and Saar. Makrokosmos Project also celebrates its 3-year collaboration with Portland Piano Company, the festival's piano sponsor.

The highlight of the concert will be the repeat performance of REICHMOKOSMOS! feature work, Steve Reich's *Six Pianos*, a composition that Reich conceived while he was in a piano store. DUO Stephanie and Saar will perform the relentlessly rambunctious *Hallelujah Junction* by John Adams. Julia Lee and Deborah Cleaver will perform selections from George Crumb's *Makrokosmos*, Books I & II, from the inaugural year's theme. Alexander Schwarzkopf will perform some of his original compositions featured at *American Berserk!*, and Susan Smith and Jeff Payne will round out the concert with selections by Samuel Barber and Kareem Roustom. Kareem Roustom, Syrian-born American composer, seamlessly combines traditions of the Near East and West, resulting in music that feels bilingual, exotic and passionately ecstatic. *Aleppo Songs*, composed in 2016, is a fundraising effort where all profits from sheet music sales & select concert performances will be donated to Doctors Without Borders for their efforts in Syria.

Makrokosmos Project, a new music festival in Portland, Oregon dedicated to Contemporary American composers and Pacific Northwest musicians, celebrates its 3rd anniversary. Makrokosmos Project seeks to bring cutting-edge American music to chic, beautiful and intimate

settings. Makrokosmos Project teams up and partners up with local food, wine and arts organizations to bring to Portland audience the best that Portland has to offer.

DUO Stephanie and Saar, pianists Saar Ahuvia and Stephanie Ho, serve as the festival's artistic directors. The theme for Makrokosmos Project's 4th festival will be announced at the conclusion of the celebration.

Makrokosmos Project 3rd Anniversary Celebration Program:

From *Makrokosmos*, Book I
Spring-Fire (Aries)

George Crumb

Deborah Cleaver, piano

Postulates (from *Dialogues*, 2008)
Recycled Wheels (2016)

Alexander Schwarzkopf

Alexander Schwarzkopf, piano

Hallelujah Junction

John Adams

DUO Stephanie & Saar

Excursions 1 & 3, Op. 20

Samuel Barber

Susan Smith, piano

Aleppo Songs for Solo Piano (2016)
IV. The Silenced Guardian
V. Enough, I Intended to Leave You

Kareem Roustom

Jeff Payne, piano

From *Makrokosmos*, Book II
Morning Music (Cancer)
Twin Suns (Gemini)

George Crumb

Julia Lee, piano

Six Pianos

Steve Reich

Julia Lee, Susan Smith, Alexander Schwarzkopf,
Deborah Cleaver, Jeff Payne and Monica Ohuchi, pianos

Event Listing:

Portland Piano Company

Thursday, November 9th 2017, 7pm Concert

FREE admission, includes wine and food reception

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