

MUSE/IQUE Continues Summer 2014 Season with Evening of Piano Breakthroughs

August 9 Performance will be held at Caltech's Beckman Mall Lawn

MUSE/IQUE's Rusnak Audi Summer of Sound will continue on Saturday, August 9 at 7:30pm with Keys/Unlocked: The Irresistible Power of Piano. Five dynamic pianists and The Orchestra of MUSE/IQUE will come together to celebrate breakthrough pianists including Elton John, Mozart, Rachmaninoff, jazz icon Thelonious Monk, and Billy Joel.

In Part Two of this summer's Break/Through series, Caltech's Beckman Mall Lawn comes alive once more with 10 hands, 50 fingers, 2 pianos, and 176 keys. Artistic Director, Rachael Worby, deftly curates five furious talents - LA Phil's Joanne Pearce Martin, Gavin Martin, Bryan Pezzone, Alan Steinberger, and child prodigy, Ray Ushikubo. Highlights of the evening include Rhapsody in Blue, Piano Man, Goldberg Variations, Chico Marx and Bugs Bunny in film, and many more unexpected treats.

Pre-concert dining begins at 5:30 and the performances are at 7:30. There are a variety of dining options: guests can bring their own dinner, pre-order brasserie dinners from Perfect Equation Catering for on-site pick up at Beckman Mall Lawn, or order and pick up dinner from Gale's Restaurant or Smitty's Grill - MUSE/IQUE's restaurant partners. Rusnak Audi Summer of Sound tickets range in price from \$20 to \$250 with MUSE/IQUE members getting the best seat locations and discounts of 50% off.

In the three years since MUSE/IQUE was founded by a group of community leaders and Artistic Director Rachael Worby, it has grown from one

performance with a handful of devoted followers to a major cultural presence that reaches a broad and diverse audience. Its considerable membership currently numbers more than 500 people. In addition to the summer, MUSE/IQUE presents its “Uncorked” series at unconventional locations in the fall and spring.

MUSE/IQUE’s guest artists have included Jessye Norman, Charlie Haden, Patti Austin, Mary Wilson, Flea, The Doric Quartet, Rickie Lee Jones, Ellis Hall, Matt Haimovitz, Angela Bassett, Arturo Sandoval, Mona Tavakoli, Kevin McHale, Angela Bassett and more. Pop-up venues for “Uncorked” have included the Rose Palace, Jacob Maarse Florists, The Castle Press - one of the nation's largest printing presses, Art Center College of Design, The Blacker House, Avon Distribution Center and others.

Keys/Unlocked: The Irresistible Power of Piano is supported in part by the Pasadena Arts and Culture Commission and the City of Pasadena Division of Cultural Affairs.

Rusnak Audi Summer of Sound is held at Caltech’s Beckman Mall Lawn, located at 332 S. Michigan Avenue. For tickets and additional membership information, please call the Box Office at (626) 539-7085 or visit www.muse-ique.org. For other information, contact Diane Reed at (626) 862-1111 or Dianereedpr@gmail.com