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Vacaville Youth, Evan Losoya Honored as Rising Pianist and Composer

COLLECTION DEBUT CONCERT – “AT THE MOMENT” – BOOK RELEASE

October 22, 2016 @ 7:00 pm – Doors open at 6:30 pm
Steinway and Sons Showroom - 1605 Bonanza St. Walnut Creek
Admission is Free
RSVP Limited Space / Video Excerpts at www.yacmusic.org/Losoya-debut

Co-hosts: Wanda Cook of Young Artists Conservatory of Music
Justin Levitt of Steinway and Sons

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Vacaville's own Evan Losoya, holding the prominent position as Featured Pianist with the Young Artists Conservatory of Music (YACM), is making his mark as a significant music composer. Losoya (17) will perform selections from his first published piano solo book “At the Moment” on October 22nd at the Steinway and Sons Piano Gallery in Walnut Creek. The book will be available for sale on October 22nd, 2016.

The seventeen-year-old composer / pianist / oboist had studied piano with YACM for 10 years with the last 5 under the instruction of master pre-college piano teacher Wanda Cook. Losoya is a noteworthy, and an award winning classically trained pianist of tremendous virtuosity. In June 2016 he was a featured concert pianist at the Black Tie Gala Concert held at The Vacaville Performing Arts Theatre. Produced by Young Artists Conservatory of Music, 400 audience members enjoyed Losoya's performance of Piano Concerto No. 2 by Dimitri Shostakovich, accompanied by the SONUS Symphony (previously known as The Symphony of Northern California) under the direction of Maestro Steven Thompson. During that concert, Losoya debuted his newly completed “Hypnotic Suggestion” Opus 3 piano composition.

Most recently, Losoya was awarded the Honorable Mention (a 2nd place designation) for his original composition entitled “Hypnotic Suggestion”, a 22-page rhapsody, by the Music Teacher's National Association Senior Level Composers Competition. This was Evan's first composition submission in a division competition and the magnitude of his work has been celebrated by the judges in their comments.

“... quite fine and full of wonderful imagination”. [Losoya] has talent and wonderful imagination! Quite extraordinary” (Alan Smith), “Well done, sophisticated and excellent willingness to risk” (Carolyn Bremer).

Artistic Director and Piano Instructor, Wanda Cook, “Losoya's debut concert will not fail to leave audience members in awe. Evan's compositions reveal the significant virtuosity of a classically

inspired young musician within the atmosphere of today's most eccentric and handsomely colored music." In addition to performing selections from his newly released book for piano solo, his audience will enjoy a surprise selection from a Beethoven Sonata. Losoya will also be joined by 2015 YACM Featured Pianist, Allie Knitter as they perform a thrilling duet they both arranged celebrating the music of George Gershwin.

Steinway Piano Gallery Walnut Creek Manager, Justin Levitt, "*Steinway has represented the standard of excellence in pianos by which all others are measured. It is my pleasure to co-host this event in support of the standard of excellence in rising musicianship as expressed in Evan."*

In grateful partnership with Steinway, Steinway Showroom Manager and composer, Justin Levitte, and Young Artists Conservatory of Music we invite those who are interested in the expression of rising musical excellence among youth to attend this small intimate and elegant evening as we get to know the music and future of Evan Losoya.

More Information

This Fall, Evan plans to apply to several top college music programs throughout the country to further his studies in piano and composition. He has held first chair oboist in the Northern California Honor Band 2014, 2015, 2016 at Sonoma State, Chico State, and Humboldt State Universities. Evan Losoya is a graduating high school senior at Vacaville Christian Schools and heavily involved in the school's wind symphony and jazz program where he has been awarded several musicianship and performance awards.