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SALIDA ASPEN CONCERTS DATES AND ARTISTS ANNOUNCED FOR 2010 SEASON

Joyce Yang, the 24-year-old Korean whom one critic called "the most gifted young pianist of her generation," returns to the Salida Aspen Concert series for the fourth consecutive year in the 2010 season.

Other top-tier professional musicians from the Aspen Music Festival and School will perform in Salida Concert's 34th season.

All but one of the six concerts will be at John Held Auditorium, Salida High School, 10th and D Streets. The concert Saturday, July 31 will be at Valley Fellowship Church, 608 S. San Juan Street, Buena Vista.

Earle Kittleman, president of Aspen Salida Concerts, says, "We were worried that we couldn't top last year's wonderful season. But it looks like we will."

Deborah Barnekow, the Aspen official who serves as program director for Salida Concerts, Inc. says that Aspen musicians love to come to Salida because the audience is both so enthusiastic and respectful of musical protocol.

The season begins Saturday, July 10, with Argentine pianist Ingrid Fliter and Russian clarinetist Anton Dressler. Fliter played Beethoven and Chopin works in 2007. She has soloed with such orchestras as the Los Angeles Philharmonic and San Francisco, St. Louis and Dallas symphonies. Dressler has appeared as a soloist throughout Europe.

Monday, July 19 brings the Conundrum Wind Quintet, which played in Salida for the first time last year. This remarkable aggregation is made up of Aspen faculty members who occupy first chairs in bassoon, clarinet, flute, oboe and horn at, respectively, Norway's Bergen Philharmonic, the Detroit

Symphony, St. Louis Symphony, Philadelphia Orchestra and Montreal Symphony.

Joyce Yang plays Tuesday, July 27. She has soloed with the New York Philharmonic more than ten times. She has performed with the Chicago Symphony, Philadelphia Orchestra, BBC Philharmonic, Colorado Symphony, and Houston Symphony. She will play solo piano for part of her concert in Salida, and join with a chamber music group for the remainder.

The American Brass Quintet has performed at Salida Aspen Concerts every year since its second season in 1978. This quintet, which specializes in Renaissance and modern music, will be joined by the Oracle Brass Quintet. The concert is Saturday, July 31, at Buena Vista's Valley Fellowship Church.

Israeli pianist Inon Barnatan, who came to Salida for the first time last year, will play Saturday, Aug. 7. Only 31 years old, Barnatan is considered an expert on Schubert.

In the year's last concert, the audience will get a treat they haven't had since 1981: a solo guitarist. Benjamin Pila, the only classical guitarist chosen to be a Presidential Scholar in the Arts, has played at New York's Lincoln Center and Washington D.C.'s John F. Kennedy Center.

Salida Aspen Concert tickets are \$15 online at www.salidaaspenconcerts.org or at the door. Questions can be addressed to Earle Kittleman at 719-539-6153.

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Sidebar

2010 Salida Aspen Concerts Schedule (Save-the-Date)

- July 10 (Sat): **Ingrid Fliter**, piano and Anton Dressler, clarinet.
www.IngridFliter.com www.AntonDressler.com
- July 19 (Mon): **Conundrum Wind Quintet**
- July 27 (Tues): **Joyce Yang**, piano and chamber group to be announced.
www.pianistJoyceYang.com
- *July 31 (Sat): **American Brass Quintet** and Oracle Brass Quintet.
www.AmericanBrassQuintet.org
- Aug. 7 (Sat): **Inon Barnatan**, piano. www.InonBarnatan.com
- Aug. 14 (Sat): **Ben Pila**, classical guitar and other musicians to be announced. www.BenPila.com

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