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## **SALIDA-ASPEN CONCERTS 2007 ANNOUNCED**

Two rising stars on the international piano scene--**Joyce Yang**, 21-year-old Korean pianist, and **Ingrid Fliter** of Argentina—and a third pianist **Rita Sloan**, making a return appearance, are scheduled to headline the 31<sup>st</sup> annual Salida-Aspen Concert series celebrating classical music of the piano.

The series will be performed in July and August in Salida and Buena Vista by students and faculty of the world-acclaimed Aspen Music Festival and School in Aspen, Colo, ([www.AspenMusicFestival.com](http://www.AspenMusicFestival.com)). The Salida-Aspen partnership continues a longstanding tradition of classical music in Central Colorado at bargain prices.

The 2007 Salida-Aspen Concert series is scheduled as follows:

- Saturday, **July 7** — **Joyce Yang**, piano — At 19 years old the Korean pianist was the youngest to win the 2005 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. On tour now, she has already played with the Chicago Symphony, New York Philharmonic and Philadelphia Orchestra.
- Saturday, **July 21**—**All Beethoven** – by some of Aspen’s top music student performers. Valley Fellowship Church, Buena Vista, Colo.
- Tuesday, **July 24** — **Aspen Contemporary Ensemble (flute, clarinet, violin, cello, piano and percussion)** — Aspen’s music students perform a program of mixed eras—not just contemporary—directed by composer-conductor Syd Hodkinson who plays jazz and retired from the Eastman School of Music.
- Saturday, **July 28** — **American Brass Quintet** — returning favorites will bring with them a fellowship brass quintet from Aspen Music Festival and School.
- Saturday **August 4** — **Rita Sloan & Friends** — The Russian-born pianist returns for a 12<sup>th</sup> appearance since she first played in Salida in 1982. She will

bring some of her performance colleagues from the Aspen Music Festival and School where she teaches.

- Saturday, **August 11 — Ingrid Fliter**, piano — The Argentinean pianist won the 2006 Gilmore Artist Award (only the fifth pianist to do so) and made her first appearance with a major U.S. orchestra—the Atlanta Symphony. She has recorded works by Beethoven and Chopin at the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam ([www.ingridfliter.com](http://www.ingridfliter.com)).

Performance time is 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost only \$10.00, general admission, at the door beginning at 6:30 p.m., or online now at [www.SalidaAspenConcerts.org](http://www.SalidaAspenConcerts.org) .

All concerts, except July 21, at John Held Auditorium, Salida High School, 10<sup>th</sup> and D Streets in Salida. The July 21 concert will be at Valley Fellowship Church (formerly the First Baptist Church), 608 South San Juan Street, Buena Vista, CO.

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