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**CANADA'S TOP CLASSICAL MUSICIANS PERFORM AT PIANO PLUS
BENEFIT**

For immediate release

TORONTO – Six of Canada's top classical virtuosos will be performing personal favorites at an intimate fundraising concert to benefit Piano Plus, the musical outreach program of The Piano Six Foundation.

Celebrated pianist Angela Cheng, who is the organization's current Artistic Director, **David Jalbert**, firebrand pianist from Quebec, **renowned bass-baritone Daniel Lichti** with pianist Heidi Gallas, and **internationally acclaimed trumpeter Jens Lindemann** with pianist Gregory Oh will be featured on **Saturday, February 3** at a cocktail reception, **beginning at 6 pm** at the winter location of The Royal Canadian Yacht Club, 141 St. George Street, Toronto.

Piano Plus is dedicated to bringing Canada's established music virtuosos with international stage careers to small communities that are not on the regular touring circuits of most performing arts organizations. The musicians waive their usual fees and Piano Plus covers their travel expenses.

“Sending musicians to remote locations across Canada is a substantial financial commitment,” says **President Kathy Elder**. “Our organization depends on its individual patrons and corporate sponsors who, like us, are passionate about making it possible for people in small communities to experience the magic of classical music in live performance.”

Since its founding as Piano Six in 1993 by Montreal-born concert pianist Janina Fialkowska, the Foundation has sent **16** professional pianists, vocalists and instrumentalists to over **142** Canadian communities.

“Connecting people with great music is what we're all about,” says **Angela Cheng**. “Children see the artists as role models, showing them possibilities for their own lives that may not have known existed. Not all adults who hear classical music for the first time become instant fans, but in small communities many are open to experiencing it. And those adults who already love classical music can't believe an international artist is coming to town!”

About Piano Plus

Piano Plus brings Canada's finest classical musicians to communities throughout the country in which opportunities to experience the magic of live performances at an affordable cost are limited or simply non-existent. www.pianoplus.ca

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