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International Keyboard
ODYSSIAD & FESTIVAL



Dr. Janet Landreth

Odyssiad®
**"A Journey to the
Performance of a
Lifetime"**
August 1—5, 2017



Ty Huey



Sicong Zhou



International Keyboard Odyssiad & Festival U.S.A by Jennifer Clary Jacobs

This summer, a one-of-a-kind, international piano competition and festival is in its sixth year at Colorado State University, giving the public a rare opportunity to hear gifted pianists from around the world. The 2017 International Keyboard Odyssiad® & Festival, U.S.A. features internationally-renowned pianists, including Van Cliburn medalists, in five riveting evening concerts, alongside an Olympic-styled competition for young pianists ages 11-35, including two CSU students.

The term Odyssiad® (pronounced O-dys-si-ad) comes from odyssey, and was coined to signify “A Journey to the Performance of a Lifetime.” From Aug. 1-5, 47 talented pianists will continue their epic journey in Fort Collins, converging on the University Center for the Arts for the semifinal and final rounds of the Odyssiad Competition, having “made the cut” in preliminary rounds held in Dallas, Miami, Korea, three cities in China, and online by video submission.

Two CSU music performance majors were selected anonymously, by video audition, for participation in this year’s competition: Ty Huey, a sophomore from Denver who holds the College of Liberal Arts’ “Champion an Artist” scholarship; and Sicong “Frank” Zhou, a senior piano major from Shanghai, China.

The semifinal round takes place on Tuesday, Aug. 1, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the University Center for the Arts, and is free and open to the public. The two CSU students are among the 47 remaining competitors from fourteen U.S. states and seven countries, including Korea, China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Cuba, Macedonia, and Turkey.

For more information, visit Odyssiad’s website [HERE](#) and School of Music, Theatre and Dance [HERE](#).

2017 Summer Piano FESTIVAL

2017 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition Medalist

Aug. 1

A top medalist from the 2017 Van Cliburn Competition performs the opening concert after competing in one of the most distinguished and challenging competitions in the world.



Atlanta Piano Duo Eduardo Ponce & Sophia Hase

Aug. 2

After an electrifying concert at the 2016 Odyssiad & Festival, U.S.A., the Atlantis Piano Duo returns by popular demand to the Griffin Concert Hall stage.



Kemal Gekic

Aug. 3

Performing worldwide from a vast repertoire, the Croatian pianist presents fascinating, uncompromising and ever-changing interpretations, always generating frenzied audience enthusiasm.



Chen Guang

2016 Olga Kern International Winner, Scriabin Prize and Rome Prize

Aug. 4

The twenty-one-year-old pianist combines extraordinary technical capacity with a profound and mature musical sensibility and exceptional on-stage charisma.



Vadym Kholodenko 2013 Van Cliburn Gold Medalist

Aug. 5

Capturing the attention of juries, audiences, and critics alike for “mesmerizing and exhilarating” performances that [bring] the crowd to their feet, cheering him like a rock star.

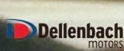


Concerts start at 7:30 p.m. each night
\$35/adult, \$25/Seniors, \$15/students
Griffin Concert Hall
University Center for the Arts
1400 Remington Street
[odyssiad.com](#)

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SAVE THE DATE

17th ANNUAL **diversity** SYMPOSIUM



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COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

SEPTEMBER 26 – 28, 2017

<http://diversity.colostate.edu/diversity-symposium/>



August 24, 2017

Employee Appreciation Celebration

This event is intended to say “**Thank You**”

to all of our great CSU employees

The three employee Councils will have an employee gift, other free swag and door prizes too!

There will be snacks, a cash bar, and
lots of your friends.





2017

MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY RETREAT

BECOME A STEWARD OF CULTURAL COMPETENCY!

- Explore a broader understanding of diversity and inclusion in Fort Collins
- Understand how bias and social identities can affect inclusion and access to resources
- Explore how aspects of power and access can impact a community
- Challenge yourself to grow through conversations with diverse community members

Where: Foothills Unitarian Church
1815 Yorktown Ave., Ft. Collins, CO 80526

When: September 8 – 9, 2017, 8am – 5pm each day

Cost: \$75 (Limited number of scholarships available)

Register at www.diversitysolutionsgroup.com

Featured Speakers:



DeEtta Jones

DeEtta Jones, as a renowned consultant, has been called upon to speak to audiences around the world on topics including diversity, equity and social justice; increasing employee engagement; fostering an environment that nurtures creativity and innovation; and transforming workplace culture. She brings a holistic approach to her work that stems from her belief that there is wisdom in many fields and breakthroughs live at the intersection. DeEtta holds both an M.Ed from Colorado State University and an MBA from The Johns Hopkins University.



Dr. Mark Benn

Dr. Mark Benn is a licensed psychologist, retired adjunct professor from Colorado State University and consultant to numerous businesses in the areas of cross-cultural communication, mediation and workplace cultures. Mark has spent his entire career working to help people recognize their personal, specific role in understanding the nature of prejudice and helping ameliorate the oppression of historically oppressed people.

The City of Fort Collins' Office of Social Sustainability has once again organized a *Multicultural Community Retreat (MCR)* to take place from **Friday, September 8th through Saturday, September 9th, 2017** at the Foothills Unitarian Church facility. This two-day event is a joint effort to help increase knowledge, mindfulness and effective behaviors across cultures in our community. Under the City of Fort Collins leadership and in partnership with CSU, Front Range Community College, Poudre School District, Diversity Solutions Group, LLC, and a number of community volunteers, the MCR helps us to make an explicit commitment to inclusivity and to more informed and capable citizens that know how to grow and sustain a respectful and welcoming community for ALL.



Click on the event page [HERE](#) to learn more and to register.

Save The Date



COMMUNITY WELCOME

August 23, 2017



Colorado State University



For more
information, or to
volunteer, visit:

ocl.colostate.edu/community-welcome

The City of Fort Collins and Colorado State University are teaming up for the 17th annual Community Welcome event taking place Wednesday, August 23rd, 2017.

The goal of the program is to help foster a sense of community and connection between students and long-term Fort Collins residents. Over 200 volunteers, made up of CSU students and staff, city employees, and Fort Collins and CSU police go door-to-door visiting approximately 2,000 homes in neighborhoods close to the main campus. On August 23, teams will once again distribute valuable information about City ordinances and expectations the University has for its students. Additionally, the teams encourage neighbors to get out and meet each other (providing residents with the new “Art of Neighboring” brochures to exchange names and contact information) to create positive relationships with new and old neighbors.

Those interested in signing up to volunteer from 4:30pm-8:00pm that evening (and receive FREE dinner, T-shirt*, dessert) can sign up [HERE](#). If you have any questions, you can contact Lindsay Mason via lindsay.mason@colostate.edu.

SUPPORT DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE

Your support of our inclusive excellence initiatives will impact the entire campus. We appreciate your contributions to our programs designed to create the best CSU possible!

**MAKE YOUR
GIFT TODAY**

Contact Us: Have an idea to be featured in our next newsletter or would like to sign up for the newsletter? Please email tammy.liu@colostate.edu