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DRANOFF PRESENTS "JOY AROUND THE WORLD"

Dranoff 2 Piano Foundation continues in its 28th Season presenting the top young duo pianists from around the globe.

On Sunday, December 21ST at 5:00 pm, Dranoff 2 Piano's Miami season plays on at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center with Piano Duo Susan & Sarah Wang in a holiday concert "Joy Around the World". The program features music composed by great Classical artists in celebration of winter and seasonal holidays of faith. This festive concert will present a dramatically staged narration of the *Nutcracker*, by renowned Broadway actor, Chaz Mena, accompanied by Tchaikovsky's beloved Christmas music. Twin sisters, Susan & Sarah Wang, will perform Liszt's *Christmas Tree Suite*, as well as Bach's *Christmas Oratorio*, as rarely heard, in an orchestral two-piano rendition. For the occasion of "Joy Around the World" Dranoff 2 Piano has commissioned 2 piano arrangements of both Chanukah and Christmas favorites.

"Joy Around the World" will present internationally-acclaimed pianists Susan Wang and Sarah Wang, the Silver Prize winners of the 12th Dranoff International 2 Piano Competition in 2008. Today they perform in major Classical venues and Festivals throughout Europe, Canada, and the U.S. They now live in Berlin, Germany, teaching and performing solo and chamber music.

"[The Wangs] performance completely fulfilled the festival's goal of making you hear familiar music freshly...you hear what inventive, exotic, structurally succinct music this is."

- **Anthony Tommasini, The New York Times**

"...phenomenal talent...remarkable confidence, virtuosity, and eclat..."

- **The Miami Herald**

"Joy Around the World" takes place on Sunday, December 21ST at 5:00 pm, at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center in 3385 NE 188th Street, Aventura, FL 33180. Tickets are \$35 for general admission, \$50 VIP seating with pre-concert reception, and \$5 for students. For tickets and more information, visit www.Dranoff2Piano.org or call 305-572-9900.

Dranoff International 2 Piano Foundation, Miami's Gateway to the World of Music

For 28 years, the Dranoff International 2 Piano Foundation has been the world's leading organization to champion exclusively two piano repertoire and artistry. It is the only international foundation, accredited by the World Federation of International Music Competitions, to discover, promote, and award honors to top professional duo piano artists through its competition, commissions, and presentations of duo piano concerts. The Dranoff promotes awareness to a new generation of students of the transformational power of music and the arts through its multi-disciplinary, educational, and inspirational concert program, Piano Slam.

The Dranoff is one of the few world-class performing arts organizations headquartered in Miami-Dade County, whose activities span the globe and create recognition abroad of the region's positive image and commitment to the highest standards of creativity and the arts.

Dranoff also promotes Miami's City and County as an international cultural destination. It exposes its home audiences to major international artists, thereby creating a cultural bridge to foster universal understanding and respect through music.