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STELLAR SOLAR SEMINAR AND A STAR PIANIST PROMISE A SPECIAL SUNRIVER ECLIPSE DAY

SUNRIVER, ORE – Want to learn more about the first total solar eclipse in the U.S. in nearly 100 years, see the eclipse in Sunriver, and get a free set of solar glasses? Then attend Sunriver Music Festival’s *STELLAR SOLAR SEMINAR* Monday, August 21, 8:30-9:30 a.m. at the Sunriver Resort Great Hall. It is free to the public.

Sponsored by the Sunriver Nature Center and the Festival, you will gather in the Great Hall for a solar talk by Dr. Harry Hamilton, Professor of Atmospheric Physics. Prior to retiring in Sunriver in 2006, Hamilton was Provost and Senior Vice President at Chapman University in Orange, California.

Dr. Hamilton will explain how your day will turn to night for up to two minutes and 40 seconds and that the path of totality will be about 70 miles wide. Complimentary coffee and pastries will be provided. Next, you can join Dr. Hamilton and others on a short walk to a Sunriver meadow to see the solar eclipse. The Nature Center will provide complimentary glasses to guarantee a safe solar experience.

Your special eclipse day will continue that evening with a “stellar” performance by nationally acclaimed pianist Sean Chen. The press has continually praised this talented young artist. The Huffington Post noted his “exceptional ability to connect with an audience combined with an easy virtuosity.” The LA Times acknowledged his “genuinely sensitive playing”, and the NY Times recognized his “alluring, colorfully shaded renditions”. Don’t miss this extraordinary musician in three performances during the 40th Anniversary Season of the Sunriver Music Festival. In addition to the Solo Piano Concert on August 21st, Sean will perform with the full Festival Orchestra on August 16th and August 23rd.

If you haven’t purchased tickets in advance for the Solo Piano Concert on August 21st, you can buy them at the door and receive a \$5 discount by showing your eclipse glasses (with the Sunriver Music Festival sticker affixed). Specific seats may not be available based on prior ticket sales. For more information go online www.sunrivermusic.org or call the Festival at 541-593-9310.

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DR. HARRY HAMILTON'S RESUME - Dr. Hamilton majored in physics in college and received his doctorate in Atmospheric Science from the University of Wisconsin. He spent much of his career as a college professor at State University of New York-Albany. During his tenure, he took a two-year leave of absence to work as atmospheric specialist for General Electric, doing assessments of gaseous emissions on air quality. During his career, Hamilton held research grants of several million dollars, largely involving solar energy research. He also served on several national advisory panels, including the National Science Foundation, the White House Advisory Committee on Science and Technology, and the National Research Council's Committee on Water Science and Technology. After leaving Albany, Hamilton became Provost and Senior Vice President at Chapman University in Orange, Calif., and served there until 2006.