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### **INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED CLASSIC PIANIST TO MAKE RARE VISIT TO CENTRAL OREGON**

SUNRIVER, ORE – Don't have time to take in performances of the National Symphony Orchestra (Washington D.C.), the Colorado Symphony, the Utah Symphony, or the Oregon Symphony? Don't worry, just take a short drive to Sunriver and listen to world-renowned pianist William Wolfram kick off the 39<sup>th</sup> edition of the Sunriver Music Festival on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>.

Highly sought after for his breathtaking performances of the music of Beethoven, William Wolfram has appeared with all of these orchestras and numerous others around the world. Winner of the silver medalist at both the William Kapell and the Naumburg International Piano Competitions and the bronze medalist at the prestigious Tchaikovsky Piano Competition in Moscow, he is bringing his considerable talent to Central Oregon for two special performances.

"Bringing world-class talent like William Wolfram to our area is why we've earned the reputation of being Central Oregon's professional classical music experience," explains Pam Beezley, Executive Director of the Festival. "We are thrilled to showcase William's awesome talent in two performances – one with the Festival Orchestra and a second performance with our Festival Concertmaster Steven Moeckel."

**CLASSICAL CONCERT I** - Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> 7:30 p.m., Sunriver Resort's Great Hall. Pianist Wolfram will lead off this year's Festival series with a performance of Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 1. The world-class Sunriver Festival Orchestra will also perform Beethoven's Symphony No. 6 *Pastorale* and Dvorak's *In Nature's Realm*.

**PIANO & VIOLIN SOLO CONCERT** - Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m., Sunriver Resort's Great Hall. Wolfram returns in a stunning collaboration with violinist and Concertmaster Steven Moeckel performing Liszt's *Dante Sonata for Piano*, Franck's *Sonata in A Major for Violin and Piano*, and Beethoven's *Sonata No. 9 for Violin and Piano* (also known as the *Kreutzer*).

Violinist Steven Moeckel's uncanny ability to capture the very essence of a work has been hailed by critics worldwide. As concerto soloist, recitalist and chamber musician, his ability to engage audiences in an astounding range of repertoire distinguishes him as one of the most versatile young musicians of today.

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**BONUS: PIANO MASTER CLASS** – Monday, August 8th 6:00 p.m., Sunriver Resort’s Great Hall. The class is free and open to the public. Pianist William Wolfram will instruct a piano master class for five advanced piano students.

“For nearly four decades, the Festival has supported educational opportunities for youth and this will be a special opportunity to share in the magic of the next generation learning from a master,” adds Beezley.

As educator and teacher, Wolfram is a long-standing member of the piano faculty of the Eastern Music Festival in North Carolina, and a regularly featured guest at the Colorado College Music Festival in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He also teaches a performance class at the acclaimed Manhattan School of Music.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.sunrivermusic.org](http://www.sunrivermusic.org), email us ([tickets@sunrivermusic.org](mailto:tickets@sunrivermusic.org)) or call the Festival Ticket Office at 541-593-9310.

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