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RE: Sunriver Music Festival

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**APRIL'S PIANO SHOWCASE BRINGS PREMIER MUSIC  
EDUCATION PROGRAM TO CENTRAL OREGON**

SUNRIVER, ORE – While the upcoming *Piano Showcase: From Bach to Boogie to Jazz* offers two unique and outstanding public concerts, Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup>, the event also provides the public a rare glimpse into Central Oregon's premier piano training weekend.

"Attending our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Showcase is an absolute must if you love listening to music, or you teach music, or you have aspirations to be the best pianist you can be," explains Sherry Parmater, executive director of the Sunriver Music Festival. "Our workshops offer the public a rare opportunity to be a fly on the wall as music teachers and students learn from four piano masters."

Pianist Michael Allen Harrison (founder of Portland's popular *Ten Grands* concert series) heads up the weekend with guest artists Mac Potts, Colleen Adent, and Rosa Li. The weekend emphasizes the uniqueness of blending genres and the virtuosity of all four performers. The schedule for Saturday workshops and masterclasses includes:

- **How to Practice/How to Perform Masterclass.** Pro tips on how to learn a piece from scratch, what to do next, and how to take it to a professional level performance.
- **Improvisation Masterclass: Three Perspectives.** Expert improvisers in multiple genres, the guest artists will each give their unique perspective as students perform. Saturday will also include an improvisation workshop and even more performances from the piano masters.
- **Classical Masterclass: Rosa Li.** A graduate of The Juilliard School as well as Columbia University and Indiana University, Rosa Li will share insights with two of Central Oregon's most advanced young piano students.
- **Musical Conversations Forum.** Saturday workshops end with the popular "Musical Conversations" forum. All four pianists will engage in an open conversation with the participants. This 30-minute session has proven over the past three years to be a great time to conclude the day's abundance of music and kick off into the closing concert later that evening.

This interactive 2-day event runs April 3-4, 2020 at Bend's Tower Theater. You can attend all events or just one or both of the evening concerts. For tickets and details, visit [sunrivermusic.org](http://sunrivermusic.org) or email [information@sunrivermusic.org](mailto:information@sunrivermusic.org). The weekend features four renowned pianists:

- **Michael Allen Harrison**, composer, songwriter and pianist, is founder of Portland's famed *Ten Grands* concert series. He is known for his magical piano solos, for creating music for ballet, theater and film, and for his love of teaching and his giving spirit. He has created over fifty albums released through MAH Records.

- Born totally blind, American Idol contestant **Mac Potts** has been stunning crowds since he began his professional career at 11 years old. Mac has shared his talent with fans in New York, Washington D.C., and the concert halls of Portland, Florida, and Seattle.
- **Colleen Adent** is a classically-trained improvisational pianist. With over 35 years of experience as a performer, composer, arranger, and teacher, she is known as one of the Pacific Northwest's most accomplished pianists. Colleen's warm personality and skillful playing naturally invite the listener to join her in embracing the moment.
- **Rosa Li** made her orchestral debut at the age of 9 with the Far Eastern Symphony Orchestra in Russia. A graduate of The Juilliard School, Columbia University, and Indiana University, she has won top prizes in the MTNA National Baldwin Piano Competition and MTNA National Yamaha Piano Competition.

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