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**Back for its 7th Season, Dranoff 2 Piano and the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts present PIANO SLAM 7** - a Classical/Hip-Hop/Spoken Word mash up featuring internationally acclaimed pianists duo imPuls mixing up Bach, Brahms, Bejerano and Bruno Mars with the beats of DJ Brimstone 127 and the debut works of Miami's hot young poets. A FREE Concert directed by Teo Castellanos.

**PIANO SLAM**, the **Dranoff International 2 Piano Foundation** annual performance of piano music, spoken word, dance and hip hop, will take place on **Thursday, April 30, at 7:30 p.m., at the Knight Concert Hall of the Adrienne Arsht Center**, located at 1300 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, FL 33132 U.S.A. **PIANO SLAM** is a competition that combines the Dranoff 2 Piano Foundation's award-winning pianists, dancers, renowned poets and spoken word artists, in collaboration with middle and high school students throughout Miami-Dade County.

This year's piano duo will be 2013 Dranoff Competition winners from Germany **Barbara and Sebastian Bartmann**. Actor/writer/director **Teo Castellanos** directs **PIANO SLAM 7**, which also features **DJ Brimstone 127, the Biscayne Poet Oscar Fuentes, the steps of Hattie Mae Williams**, and **Miami's Best Young Poets**. **PIANO SLAM 7** enjoys the warm and enthusiastic support of the Miami HEAT, whose players read favorite poems for students in M-DCPS. **PIANO SLAM 7** will partner with **O, Miami** to cap off National Poetry Month.

Prior to the April 30<sup>th</sup> Arsht Center **PIANO SLAM 7** performance, live Dranoff classical duo piano artists were in concert at multiple Miami-Dade County Public Schools after which students are invited to write poetry about music and then create a spoken word experience for a county-wide competition. On April 30<sup>th</sup>, Student poetry winners will present their own poetry in a Classical/Hip Hop/Spoken Word extravaganza concert in the Knight Concert Hall at the Arsht. Student winners receive cash prizes and are eligible to win laptop computers. There is no fee to participate and **PIANO SLAM is Free for Everyone** but tickets are required. For tickets visit [www.arshtcenter.org](http://www.arshtcenter.org) or call the Arsht box office (305) 949-6722.

## About Dranoff International 2 Piano Foundation

Accredited by the World Federation of International Music Competitions, the Dranoff is the only international foundation dedicated to discovering, promoting, and honoring top professional piano duos through its competition, commissions, and duo piano concert presentations. 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 exposes its home audiences to major international artists from over 30 countries on six continents, thereby creating a cultural bridge to foster universal understanding and respect through music. Since 2004 the Dranoff has expanded the scope of its activities to promote awareness of the transformational power of music through Piano Slam, an annual program that involves a new generation of students in a multi-disciplinary genre-bending evening of classical music, poetry and hip hop.

For More information visit the Dranoff 2 Piano Website [www.dranoff2piano.org](http://www.dranoff2piano.org)

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