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DRANOFF GOES TO THE THEATER

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

On Friday, October 24th at 8:00 p.m., Dranoff 2 Piano's Miami season opens at the Coral Gables Congregational Church with Piano Duo Olha Chipak & Oleksiy Kushnir in a concert entitled "Dranoff Goes to the Theater" So much beautiful music has been composed for the opera and ballet; we will hear music from *Carmen*, *Swan Lake*, *Rigoletto*, *Petrouchka*, and *West Side Story*, as well as from Dranoff composer Ned Rorem. Tenor Tony L. Boutte and Soprano Jennifer Voigt, both from the University of Miami, will perform Ned Rorem's music *Four Dialogues* for soprano, tenor and 2 pianos with the poetry of New York's celebrated star of the urbane Frank O'Hara.

"Dranoff Goes to the Theater" will present acclaimed Ukrainian pianists Olha Chipak and Oleksiy Kushnir who won the Dranoff International 2 Piano Competition in 2003. Today they perform in major Classical venues and Festivals throughout Europe, China and the U.S. They are frequent performers on German public radio and have appeared on television in the Ukraine, Poland and Italy. Today they live and teach the 2 piano repertoire and art form in Rostock, Germany.

"Dranoff Goes to the Theater" takes place on Friday, October 24th at the Coral Gables Congregational Church, 3100 De Soto Blvd in Coral Gables, Florida. Tickets are \$35 for general admission, \$50 VIP seating with preconcert 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.