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TODAY'S MUSIC – 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY CLASSICAL

Dranoff 2 Piano Foundation presents a concert of contemporary music by 2013 Dranoff International 2 Piano Competition winners **Duo Yamamoto** and a panel discussion by today's Academy Award, Grammy and Pulitzer Prize winning composers who have written for the Dranoff and the 2-piano repertoire.

Miami, Florida – On Wednesday January 22, 8:00 p.m. at the New World Center, 500 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Miami Beach, Dranoff will present sisters Yuka and Ayaka Yamamoto, Duo Yamamoto, playing **21<sup>st</sup> Century Classical**. The program will feature works by Bolcom, Rodriguez, Barber, Berg and Copeland. The concert will also feature Maestro Erik Ochsner, who will emcee the program. Every Dranoff concert includes cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at intermission in the Bacardi Circle, sponsored by Bacardi USA.

Then on Thursday January 23, 6:00 p.m. at Project 924, 924 Lincoln Road, Miami Beach a **Composers Panel** will discuss what's exciting about contemporary music from the composers' own perspective. The panel will include authors of Dranoff commissions William Bolcom, Robert Xavier Rodriguez and Shelly Berg, all of whose works are played in the previous evening's concert, and Gabriela Lena Frank, whose commission was performed at the 2013 competition

Duo Yamamoto won the Gold Medal at the 2013 Dranoff International 2 Piano Competition. In 2009, the young sisters won First Prize and a special prize at the Piano Teachers' National Association (PTNA) Piano Competition in Tokyo as well as Grand Prize at the Third Yokohama International Music Competition. In 2010, they received First Prize and the Critic's Award at the 13th Concorso Internazionale "Pietro Argento" in Gioia del Colle, Italy and Grand Prize at the 16th International Piano Duo Competition in Tokyo.

21<sup>st</sup> Century Classical January 22, 8:00 p.m. at the New World Center, 500 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Miami Beach. Ticket prices are \$50 orchestra gallery; \$35 general admission; \$5 Students. For tickets and more information, please visit <http://www.dranoff2piano.org>, call (305)572-9900, or purchase online through the New World Center, <http://www.newworldcenter.com>.

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Dranoff International 2 Piano Foundation, Miami's Gateway to the World of Music

For 27 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.