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**The Miami Foundation Awards \$20,000 Grant to
The Dranoff Foundation**

MIAMI — June 6, 2011 — The Dranoff International Two Piano Foundation was awarded a \$20,000 grant from The Miami Foundation through its Community Grants program.

The grant will allow Dranoff to continue expanding its Piano Slam –The Music Speaks, which is the foundation’s musical performance and education program that brings award-winning pianists, renowned poets and spoken word artists into underserved middle and high schools. Students are invited to participate in a poetry competition based on the cross inspiration of music and word. Student winners perform their work in a Classical/Hip Hop/ Poetry concert at the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts.

“We are thrilled and proud to have been awarded this grant,” said Gabriele Fiorentino, Dranoff president. “The funds will help us continue spreading the joy of two-person performance and, perhaps most importantly, getting more and more youth involved in the arts.”

The \$20,000 allocation will focus on increasing teenagers’ participation in the unique performing arts settings programs such as Piano Slam offer. Concentrated efforts include increased community outreach, involvement in school programs and philanthropic partnerships.

PIANO SLAM and its young poets will be recognized at The Miami Foundation’s “Bridging Generosity, Leadership and Grantmaking” luncheon on June 21 at the University of Miami’s Newman Alumni Center. The luncheon will celebrate Dranoff and other grantees.

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About The Dranoff International Two Piano Foundation

Since 1986, The Dranoff International Two Piano Foundation has been the presenter of the prestigious International Two Piano Competition. Its mission is to give a performance platform to professional duo pianists, to broaden interest and patronage of this art form, and to contribute to the repertoire by commissioning new works from contemporary composers. It is a Steinway & Sons competition and is accredited by the World Federation of International Music Competitions in Geneva.

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About The Miami Foundation

The Miami Foundation works with donors to help make their philanthropy more effective and more fun. Over the years, donors have given more than \$220 million, allowing the Foundation to invest more than \$10 million in the community each year. The Foundation believes everyone can be a philanthropist. The Foundation also believes it is an expert in philanthropy and community – it takes pride in its level of personal service and its team of people that have a deep understanding of the community. For more information, please contact The Miami Foundation at (305) 371-2711, njones@miamifoundation.org or visit miamifoundation.org.