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Christine and May Kefferstan

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— The Illinois Wesleyan School of Music opens its 2013-14 Guest Recital Series with a two-piano recital by Christine and Mary Kefferstan on Thursday, Aug. 29 at 8 p.m. in Westbrook Auditorium in Presser Hall (1210 N. Park St., Bloomington). The recital is open to the public and free of charge.

The Kefferstans will perform selections by Johann Sebastian Bach, Sergei Rachmaninoff, Robert Nathaniel Dett and Johannes Brahms.



Christine Kefferstan received a bachelor's degree in music from IWU in 1973 and a master of music degree as well as a doctorate of music arts from Cincinnati Conservatory of Music studying with Israeli pianist David Bar-Illan. She has had additional coaching with Yeeha Chiu, Anna McGrosso, Sedmara Rutstein and Viachaslov Gabrielov. Recent international performances include recitals in London at St. Martin-in-the-Fields (2008 and 2010) and a performance for the 2010 British Flute Society, Manchester, England. Recognized by the West Virginia University (WVU) Division of Music and by the West Virginia Music Teachers Association for her excellence in teaching, Kefferstan is Professor of Piano at WVU, Morgantown, where she teaches graduate and undergraduate piano majors.

Mary Kefferstan, daughter of Christine Kefferstan, holds a bachelor's degree in music from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pa., where she studied with Natasha Snitkovsky. She recently completed a master of music degree from Bowling Green State University in Ohio where she studied with Laura Melton and received a full graduate assistantship to teach piano at the university level. A soloist, a chamber musician and a teacher, Mary has appeared at numerous music festivals throughout the United States and abroad. In 2008, she won the Duquesne University Concerto Competition playing Beethoven's "Emperor Concerto" and appeared as soloist with Duquesne University Symphony Orchestra performing Ravel's "Concerto in G." Recipient of a post-graduate teaching fellowship for 2012-2013, Mary has taught students of all ages at the New School for Music Study in Kingston, N.J where she will be full-time faculty beginning in the 2013 school year.

For additional information regarding the event, contact the School of Music at (309)-556-3061.

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