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Single tickets available now for the Sixth Honens International Piano Competition

CALGARY, AB, August 31, 2009 – Single tickets to the Sixth Honens International Piano Competition, which takes place October 22 to November 6, 2009, are on sale now. Twenty-one pianists from Canada, China, Ecuador/Spain, Hong Kong, Israel, Russia, South Korea, Switzerland, Taiwan, Ukraine, United Kingdom and the United States will compete for one of the competition world's most lucrative career development programs valued at more than \$500,000 in addition to \$100,000 in cash prizes.

The Competition includes 24 afternoon and evening performance sessions: 14 Quarterfinals concerts; six Semifinals concerts; two Finals concerts; as well as **Rob Kapilow's** *What Makes It Great?* – a discovery of art song and lieder featuring members of Calgary Opera's Emerging Artist Development Program; and an evening of improvisation with Venezuelan pianist **Gabriela Montero**. The Competition also offers free community concerts and pre-concert *Music as a Second Language (MSL)* music appreciation performance-lectures. For complete listings and event information, see honens.com.

In addition to its triennial Competition Honens continues to build its prestigious reputation through presenting its winners on the world's most important concert stages and by bringing the world's leading musicians to Calgary for exclusive Canadian performances.

Minsoo Sohn, First Laureate of the 2006 Honens International Piano Competition makes recital debuts at Glenn Gould Studio (Toronto) and Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall (New York) on October 3 and 8 respectively. The Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra also presents Sohn in performances of Chopin's Second Piano Concerto on October 16 and 17 in Calgary.

Honens also presents the Canadian exclusive and premiere of superstar **Leif Ove Andsnes's** *Pictures Reframed* on November 16 – a multimedia project featuring the work of conceptual artist Robin Rhode and Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*. This performance, the first after the project's world premiere at New York's Lincoln Center, makes only five North American stops, and is already sold-out in New York, Washington DC and Houston.

Tickets to all Honens performances range from \$12 to \$85 and are available by calling the Honens Box Office at (403) 299-0140 or online at honens.com.

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Honens International Piano Competition is among the world's most prestigious events of its kind. It searches the world to discover "Complete Artists" – 21st century musicians for 21st century audiences. The Sixth International Piano Competition, presented by Nexen Inc., and supported by Steinway & Sons, Irene Besse Keyboards Ltd, Macleod Dixon LLP, TransAlta and Enbridge Inc., takes place in Calgary, October 22 to November 6, 2009. The Commissioning Sponsor of Leif Ove Andsnes' *Pictures Reframed* is StatoilHydro. For more information visit honens.com.

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