

# HONENS MEDIA RELEASE

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **HONENS HONOURS TWO OF CALGARY'S FOREMOST ARTS CHAMPIONS**

CALGARY, AB, June 28, 2022—The Honens International Piano Competition is pleased to announce Jan and Larry Fichtner as its 2022 Honens Honours recipients. Honens Honours pays tribute to individuals and organisations whose dedication to the arts, like Esther Honens, has made an extraordinary contribution to arts and culture in Calgary.

“Jan and Larry Fichtner are the true embodiment of the very purpose behind Honens Honours. Their generosity of time, resource, and spirit are both outstanding and inspiring on local, provincial, and national levels. We are absolutely delighted to be able to honour them in this way,” says Neil Edwards, Honens’ President & CEO.

“Our interest and involvement in the arts was spawned by our experience as host family to Jean-Efflam Bavouzet at the first Honens Competition in 1992. He drew us deeply into the appreciation and enjoyment of classical piano. We developed a deep friendship during that time—a friendship which is even stronger today. We have become like family. From there, our involvement in the business of the arts lead us to very strong relationships with many world class artists who bring endless joy to our lives,” comments Larry Fichtner.

Honens pays tribute to this year’s deserving honorees over dinner in Ross Glen Hall at Mount Royal University followed by a recital by Jeremy Denk, winner of a MacArthur “Genius” Fellowship and the Avery Fisher Prize at the Bella Concert Hall, Taylor Centre for the Performing Arts at Mount Royal University.

Past Honens Honorees are Jenny Belzberg CM AOE (2006), Irene Besse (2009), F. Richard Matthews CM QC (2012), Mary Rozsa de Coquet OC (2015), James Stanford OC (2015), and Heather Bourne and Masters Gallery Ltd. (2018). Proceeds support the 2022 Honens International Piano Competition and Honens’ outreach into the community.

### **Backgrounder Attached**

- 30 -

### **Information**

#### **Alberta Media Relations**

Amanda Smith  
Honens  
(403) 975 7438  
asmith@honens.com

#### **Worldwide Media Relations**

Patricia Price  
8VA Music Consultancy  
1 800 530 3318  
patricia@8vamusiconconsultancy.com

# **BACKGROUNDER**

## **JAN AND LARRY FICHTNER**

Larry has served as a director of many arts organizations over the years, including Honens, the Banff Centre for Arts & Creativity, the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra, and the National Arts Centre.

Both Jan and Larry are committed to bringing together artists for one-of-a-kind collaborations, often in their home, with the end goals being the creation of amazing musical experiences and the support of emerging and established artists alike.

The Fichtners have been a part of the Honens Family since 1992 when they hosted Jean-Efflam Bavouzet, who competed in the inaugural Honens International Piano Competition. Their close friendship with Jean-Efflam and his family continues to this day.

## **HONENS HONOURS**

Honens Honours pays tribute to individuals and organisations whose dedication to the arts, like Esther Honens, has made an extraordinary contribution to arts and culture in Calgary. Honens pays tribute to its deserving honorees over dinner in Ross Glen Hall at Roderick Mah Centre for Continuous Learning, Mount Royal University followed by a piano recital by Jeremy Denk, winner of a MacArthur "Genius" Fellowship, and the Avery Fisher Prize at the Bella Concert Hall, Taylor Centre for the Performing Arts at Mount Royal University.

A video presentation will precede the concert to celebrate and acknowledge the contributions of the evening's honorees.

Proceeds support the 2022 Honens International Piano Competition and Honens' outreach to the community.

Tickets to the dinner include complimentary parking and a ticket to Jeremy Denk in Recital.

More than 200 of the 650 seats available are reserved for individuals who seldom attend concerts due to financial or mobility barriers. Honens partners with more than 30 community groups and agencies to make this possible.

### **Honens Honours Dinner**

Ross Glen Hall, Roderick Mah Centre for Continuous Learning  
Mount Royal University  
Wednesday, October 26, 2022  
4:30 p.m. cocktail reception  
5:30 p.m. dinner

Individual Tickets (with Jeremy Denk recital): \$300  
\$160 tax receipt

Individual Tickets (without Jeremy Denk recital): \$250  
\$160 tax receipt

Table of 8 (with Jeremy Denk recital): \$2400  
\$1280 tax receipt

### **Jeremy Denk Concert**

Bella Concert Hall, Taylor Centre for the Performing Arts  
Mount Royal University  
Wednesday, October 26, 2022  
7:30 p.m.  
Tickets: \$10 to \$62