

Famed Piano Method Book Author comes to Boulder for workshop, masterclass and performance.

“Piano Adventures” author to mentor teacher and students then perform benefit concert for Parlando at the Dairy Center on Sept. 24, 2011

Boulder, Colo. – Aug. 10, 2011 – Parlando School For the Arts (Parlando) in partnership with the Dairy Center for the Arts (the Dairy) will host Dr. Randall Faber for a day of education, mentorship and performance on September 24th.

Dr. Faber, author of the best-selling piano method book series *Piano Adventures*, will be the guest artist for a day-long series of events hosted by Parlando and the Dairy. The day will begin with a professional development workshop that is free for area music teachers. During the workshop Dr. Faber will discuss techniques and strategies for enhancing teaching methods, current research findings in the area of music education and resources to help students of different ages, abilities and developmental levels. Dr. Faber will then conduct a free masterclass for local piano students (audition required) during which he will implement the strategies and teaching methods highlighted during the morning workshop. The day will culminate with a performance by Dr. Faber with all proceeds benefiting Parlando’s Tuition Assistance Program. Tickets will be \$5 for students and seniors, \$10 for adults and \$25 for families. Additionally, Parlando and the Dairy are setting aside 50 tickets for low-income students and their families.

“We are very excited to be hosting Dr. Faber and offering free workshops and masterclasses for the students and teachers of our community. Our mission is to share the language of music and the arts and this event is an important extension of that mission into our community in an educational and accessible way,” said Travis LaBerge, executive director and founder of Parlando.

“The Dairy Center for the Arts is delighted to partner with Parlando School for the Arts to promote and deepen arts education programs in our community. This free masterclass is a special opportunity representing an exceptional level of artistic excellence made accessible to students and teachers of all ages to learn, create and participate,” said Joy Pak, executive director of the Dairy.

Music instructors can register for the free workshop and students can find out audition requirements for the free masterclass by visiting www.parlando.org or calling 303.442.0006. Concert tickets for the afternoon performance can be purchased at www.thedairy.org or by calling 303.444.7328 (SEAT).

Dr. Faber’s visit is being funded, in part, by a grant from the Boulder Arts Commission, an agency of the Boulder City Council.

About Parlando School for the Arts

Housed in the Dairy Center, Parlando has a faculty of 50 of the region's most accomplished music teachers and offers classes and private lessons for all instruments, ages and abilities to 700 students

each week. Since 2007, Parlando has provided more than \$150,000 in tuition assistance for student musicians and over 300 days of supplemental music education in Boulder Valley School District classrooms. Parlando strives to be Colorado's premier music school where students of all ages, abilities and backgrounds come together to share the language of music and the arts. For further information about Parlando please visit www.parlando.org.

About the Dairy Center for the Arts

The Dairy Center for the Arts provides the Boulder community diverse opportunities to create, learn and participate in high quality performing and visual arts experiences. The Dairy serves over 166,000 people annually and is home to 15 resident arts organizations from dance to theatre to music as well as housing 3 art galleries and the brand new Boedecker Cinema.

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