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Presents

Emanuel Ax, piano

on Friday, January 8 at 8 pm
at NEC's Jordan Hall

(Boston) Celebrity Series of Boston will present pianist **Emanuel Ax** in recital on Friday, January 8 at 8pm at NEC's Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsborough Street, Boston. This is an Aaron Richman Recital.

Emanuel Ax made his **Celebrity Series of Boston** debut in 1980 as part of a piano trio with cellist Yo-Yo Ma and violinist Young-Uck Kim. Emanuel Ax made nine more appearances over the years with chamber ensembles and as a soloist with several orchestras. Emanuel Ax presented his first solo recital with Celebrity Series in 1982 and has appeared four times in recital since then, most recently in 2007.

Born in Lvov, Poland, **Emanuel Ax** moved to Winnipeg, Canada, with his family when he was a young boy. His studies at the Juilliard School were supported by the sponsorship of the Epstein Scholarship Program of the Boys Clubs of America, and he subsequently won the Young Concert Artists Award. Additionally, he attended Columbia University, where he majored in French. Mr. Ax captured public attention in 1974 when he won the first Arthur Rubinstein International Piano Competition in Tel Aviv. In 1975 he won the Michaels Award of Young Concert Artists followed four years later by the coveted Avery Fisher Prize.

Mr. Ax has been an exclusive Sony Classical recording artist since 1987. Recent releases include Strauss's *Enoch Arden* narrated by Patrick Stewart; discs of two-piano music by Brahms and Rachmaninoff with Yefim Bronfman; and period-instrument performances of Chopin's complete works for piano and orchestra. Mr. Ax has received Grammy awards for the second and third volumes of his cycle of Haydn's piano sonatas. He has also made a series of Grammy-winning recordings with cellist Yo-Yo Ma of the Beethoven and Brahms sonatas for cello and piano. His other recordings include the concertos of Liszt and Schoenberg, three solo Brahms albums, an album of tangos by Astor Piazzolla, and the premiere recording of John Adams's *Century Rolls* with the Cleveland Orchestra for Nonesuch.

In recent years, Mr. Ax has turned his attention toward the music of 20th-century composers, premiering works by John Adams, Christopher Rouse, Krzysztof Penderecki, Bright Sheng, and Melinda Wagner, and most recently, Stephen Hartke. Mr. Ax is also devoted to chamber music, and he has worked regularly with such artists as Young Uck Kim, Cho-Liang Lin, Mr. Ma, Edgar Meyer, Peter Serkin, Jaime Laredo, and the late Isaac Stern.

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The program for Emanuel Ax's January 8 performance is as follows:

- Chopin** Polonaise-fantaisie in A-flat Major, Opus 61
Mazurka in C Major, Opus 24, no. 2
Mazurka in C minor, Opus 56, no. 3
- Schumann** Phantasie in C Major, Opus 17
Phantasiestücke, Opus 12
- Chopin** Four Mazurkas, Opus 41
Andante Spianato and Grande polonaise, Opus 22

TICKETING INFORMATION

Remaining tickets for Emanuel Ax are priced at \$45, and are available by calling CelebrityCharge at (617) 482-6661 Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., online at www.celebrityseries.org, or at the Jordan Hall box office, 30 Gainsborough Street, Boston.

About Celebrity Series of Boston

The Celebrity Series of Boston is New England's leading presenter of music, dance, and the performing arts from around the world. Now in its 71st season, the Celebrity Series brings performances by instrumental and vocal soloists, orchestras and chamber ensembles, dance companies, jazz, folk and ethnic artists and ensembles to Boston's major concert halls, reaching an audience of some 100,000 each year. Through the Arts, Education and Community Program the Celebrity Series reaches thousands of youngsters annually with opportunities to experience and participate in the performing arts through concerts, workshops and the award-winning AileyCamp Boston, an intensive six-week summer dance program for Boston middle school students. For more information on Celebrity Series of Boston, call (617) 482-2595 or visit us online at www.celebrityseries.org.

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