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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE STUDIO OF DR. JOVANNI-REY DE PEDRO

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Chris Norton @ UI

The MTNA Collegiate Chapter welcomed Christopher Norton to UI in early November! Thanks to the Students Arts Fee Grant, the chapter was also able to commission a large scale piano suite. After sending an introductory video earlier this year, each member worked directly with him to produce the *Idaho* Suite, which was premiered by the dedicatees and showcased along with the original video sent! They also gave the American premiere of his *Italian Suite for 2 pianos*

Congratulations!

Kristen Cox performed a wonderful senior recital which featured the works of Bach, Schubert, Beethoven, Debussy, Piazzolla, and Guastavino

Morgan Kline, Alvin & Calvin Kong, and **Kamille Trusty** advanced to the finals of UI's Concerto Competition. Kamille was chosen to play with the UI Symphony in March

DR. J'S YEAR in REVIEW

2017 TRAVEL LOG

92 Days Traveled

75,000 Miles Covered

THE PLACES I'VE VISITED

Jacksonville, Florida
Statesboro, Georgia
Dallas & Tyler, Texas
Buenos Aires, Neuquén & Viedma, Argentina
Piracicaba, Brazil
Cleveland, Cincinnati & Canton, Ohio
Chicago, Illinois
Green Bay & Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Indianapolis, Indiana
Nampa, Coeur d'Alene & Sandpoint, Idaho
Yakima, Spokane & Seattle, Washington
San Francisco & Los Angeles, California
Beijing, China

MY BIGGEST ACCOMPLISHMENT

Recording and producing "Tributo a Ginastera"

MY BIGGEST CHALLENGE

Finding balance

Congratulations! (cont'd)

Max He competed at the Idaho MTNA Competition. He performed works by Schubert, Ravel, Poulenc, Glinka, and Gulda

Dr. J was named a recipient of the 2017 Steinway Top Teacher Award, and nominated for the UI Hoffman Award for Teaching Excellence. The winner of the Hoffman Award will be announced in April

Upcoming Events

January 6, 4pm: Recital. St. Andrew's Church. Laoag City, Philippines

January 26-27: Presentation and Class for Boise Tuesdays Musicale

January 28, 4pm: Stars of Steinway Recital Series. Dunkley's Music. Meridian, Idaho

February 6, 7pm: Solo Recital. Southwestern Assemblies of God University. Waxahachie, Texas

February 7, noon: Solo Recital. Southern Methodist University. Dallas, Texas

February 7, 4pm: Solo Recital. Texas Women's University, Denton, Texas

February 10: UI AUDITION DAY!!

February 20, 7:30pm: Solo Recital. University of Idaho

February 25, 2pm: Solo Recital. Englewood Church. Yakima, Washington

Favorite Moments

1. Argentina. Specifically, watching a Piazzolla tango show with my wife, Jeremy, on our first night in Buenos Aires
2. Working with students and composers to put my CD together
3. Teaching a public master class with Dr. Robert Duke at the National Conference on Keyboard Pedagogy (NCKP)
4. Sharing the stage with my students in recitals around southern California, Washington, and northern Idaho

My (fall) 2017 Studio

What I'm Grateful For

In his book "The Rhythm of Life: Living Every Day with Passion and Purpose," Matthew Kelly writes, *"We all need people in our lives who raise our standards, remind us of our essential purpose, and challenge us to become the best version of ourselves."*

To these people in my life, Thank You.

Favorite Quote

"Whether you think you can or you think you can't - - you're right."

- Henry Ford

One Way My Teaching Has Changed

I like to move lessons at a relatively quick pace. However, giving students time to digest information during lessons was an invaluable suggestion Bob Duke gave me during my teaching demo at NCKP. By giving students even just a few moments of silence during a lesson, we allow them to reflect and work out problems in their minds, which yields quicker results!

Goals for 2018

- Run a marathon (on June 3!)
- Consistently send out a newsletter every month :)
- Perform on a new continent

One place I want to visit next year

TRIVIA: **Gaining independence from the British in 1963, this country's flag features two crossed white spears behind a red, white, and black Maasai shield**