THE GLOBAL PIANO EXPERIENCE COMES TO LONE TREE ARTS CENTER
International Performers Lisa Downing, Julio Mazziotti, and Bob Baker
Headline Concert

LONE TREE, CO – The Lone Tree Arts Center (LTAC) will host a contemporary solo piano concert featuring Lisa Downing, Julio Mazziotti, and Bob Baker on Wednesday, September 25 at 7:30pm. The soloists will each share their original works in the concert, titled The Global Piano Experience. The LTAC is known for its stunning acoustics, making this concert one-of-a-kind.

The pianists will share the stories behind their work, each exploring their diverse cultural, racial and spiritual heritage. They will tap into their worldwide origins as they use music to transcend language barriers and connect to the audience.

Lisa Downing is a compelling storyteller as she describes the unique inspiration for her creative neo-classical solo piano compositions. The great-granddaughter of an African-American slave, her ancestry also includes European and Native-American Choctaw/Chickasaw tribes of the Southern United States. Lisa's poly-ethnicity provides her with a truly unique perspective regarding culture and her own brand of personal spirituality. Downing performs all over the world with Grammy Award winning musicians such as Liz Story, David Lanz, Suzanne Ciani, and Peter Kater. She has played everywhere from the majestic Cap Vermell Cultural Center for the “First International Pianists of the World” tour in Mallorca, Spain to the historic Teatro Independencia in Mendoza, Argentina.
A masterful, strong and powerful pianist, **Julio Mazziotti** is a native of Mendoza, Argentina. The distinctively Latin influence of Tango rhythms from his native land and the intense emotions of his Italian heritage will entice you to join him in another culture. Mazziotti has performed all over the world, including the Museum of Modern Art in Mendoza, Argentina, the Schulthess Klinik in Zurich Switzerland, Mallorca Spain, the Auditorium of the Liceo Musicale "Orfeo Stillo" in the city of Crotone Italy, and at the House of Culture of the National Endowment for the Arts under the Ministry of Culture of the Presidency of Argentina in the Bicentennial of Argentina in Buenos Aires.

**Bob Baker** will thrill you with his natural feel for a variety of different genres of music influenced by his early classical training, rock, jazz and gospel. Bob's Asian/Irish multi-racial background influences his distinctively diverse musical style as well as his own special perception of culture and connection. Baker has performed and recorded with a wide array of musicians including Tommy Shaw (MS Funk, Styx), Dan Fogelberg, Mark Andes (Firefall, Heart), Larry Stewart (Airborne) and Rosemary Butler (Jackson Brown, James Taylor). He has recorded at Paragon (Chicago), Paramount (LA), Widget (Muscle Shoals), Northstar (Boulder), Applewood and Caribou (Nederland) recording studios.

This will be the first solo piano concert since LTAC received a Yamaha concert grand piano in 2012 as a donation from a generous consortium of donors, including the Lone Tree Cultural Arts Foundation, Park Meadows Business Improvement District, Don & Betty Winslow, and Linda Bjelland.

Tickets for this one-night event can be purchased online at [www.LoneTreeArtsCenter.org](http://www.LoneTreeArtsCenter.org) or by calling 720-509-1000. Ticket prices are $20 (plus $3 service fee) for all seats.

**About LTAC**

The Lone Tree Arts Center is a professional, innovative and environmentally friendly, LEED Certified venue. LTAC operates a dynamic model for the performing arts by collaborating with some of the premier Colorado performing arts companies to present their productions in Lone Tree as well as presenting national and regional tours. LTAC has quickly discovered its place as a new provider of arts education programs for
children and an important meeting and event rental site for corporate, civic, private, and community arts groups.

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