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MSU Piano Monster concert to dazzle audience at Fairchild Theatre May 3
Four renowned pianists perform varied works including Saint-Saëns' The Carnival of the Animals

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EAST LANSING, Mich. – “The sound is unbelievable!” “I’ve never before experienced piano for so many hands!” These are just a few of the statements offered by awestruck audience members at the last Piano Monster concert in 2012.

On **Sunday, May 3, 2015**, the college will once again present this musical extravaganza, **Piano Monster** – where four renowned pianists will simultaneously play four grand pianos – for two performances at **3 p.m. and 7 p.m. in Fairchild Theatre** in the MSU Auditorium.



Piano Monster, the final concert in this year’s MSU Federal Credit Union Showcase Series features the expertise of pianists Panayis Lyras, Deborah Moriarty, Derek Kealii Polischuk, and Zhihua Tang, all MSU faculty artists. Lyras, who serves as professor of piano and artist in residence, says “We have chosen repertoire for this concert that will be as much fun for the audience to hear as it is for the pianists to play. It’s colorful and high-energy, with a dance element, and a wonderful mix of emotions.”

The four pianists will perform various arrangements, including works by Dvořák, Debussy, Gershwin, Milhaud, and the concert's centerpiece, **The Carnival of the Animals** by Camille Saint-Saëns. James Forger, dean of MSU’s College of Music, will narrate the famous zoological fantasy by reciting poet Ogden Nash's playful verses, written in 1949 to accompany the music.

“The pianists are sensational artists and Piano Monster will be a performance that will delight families and music lovers with virtuosity galore,” says Forger. “This unique concert showcases talent like no other.”

Ticket information for concert

Tickets \$20, \$18 for senior citizens (age 60 and older), and \$10 for students with ID and anyone under age 18 – available from College of Music box office, (517)-353-5340, online at music.msu.edu, or at the door.

Both performances generously sponsored by Doug and the late Ginny Jewell.

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