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**EMF'S POPULAR PIANPALOOZA RETURNS, CLOSING  
THE 2009 FRIENDS & GREAT PERFORMERS SERIES!**

Greensboro, NC- On **Wednesday, July 29, 2009**, EMF presents the audience favorite *Pianopalooza*, as the last concert of its **Friends & Great Performers series**. The exciting program will showcase the country's most talented and astounding young artists in a performance combining celebrated masterworks for two, four and up to eight hands simultaneously. The concert will take place **at 8pm in Dana Auditorium at Guilford College** (5800 West Friendly Ave., Greensboro, NC 27410). Tickets may be purchased for \$19 for reserved seating and \$16 for general admission by calling the EMF Box Office at Triad Stage at 336.272.0160 or 866-579-TIXX, or online at [www.EasternMusicFestival.org](http://www.EasternMusicFestival.org).

Every Thursday and Friday this season is Family Night at EMF. Adults bringing children ages 18 and under are eligible for special prices – adults \$5; children \$1 (limit 2 children per adult). Additionally, student tickets are available for \$8 to those with valid student IDs. **As a treat and thank you to our community, EMF has extended the Family Night prices to this final Wednesday performance.**

The competitive Piano Program at Eastern Music Festival attracts talented young performers from all over the world to Greensboro each summer for five weeks of intensive master class, chamber music, performance, private study and seminars. A Steinway Festival, this year's program displays a roster of illustrious faculty who aim to enhance the abilities of these aspiring pre-professional students through both instruction and example.

**Tickets:** Triad Stage Box Office 336.272.0160 or 866.579.TIXX or [www.EasternMusicFestival.org](http://www.EasternMusicFestival.org).

*\*a service fee will apply.*

Discounts are available for full-time students with a valid ID, seniors aged 65 or older, and groups of 10 or more for most performances. Young Artists and EMF*kids* concerts offer family-friendly packages. Please call the box office about packages. This season most discounts will be available at the door. Discounts and gift certificates will not be accepted for concerts designated as special events.

*\*Dates, programs, venues, and artists are subject to change.*

### **More About Eastern Music Festival**

Now in its 48th year, the Eastern Music Festival & School is recognized for its prodigious contributions to the field of American music and its commitment to nurturing talented American and international youth through a collaborative learning process. The program brings together a cross-section of America's most sought-after artists with pre-professional students in a five-week schedule of 100 concerts and music-related events. **Music Director Gerard Schwarz** heads a distinguished list of participating artists scheduled for 2009, including **Peter Serkin, Sarah Chang, Awadagin Pratt, Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg, Xavier Phillips**, plus many others.

The Festival also produces a popular EMF*fringe* series of alternative programming, featuring everything from Americana to alt country, blues, jazz and gospel with artists such as **Mike Cross, The John Cowan Band, Laurelyn Dossett, Steep Canyon Rangers, Waybacks, The Chris Hicks Band**, blues artist **Larry McCray** and more. EMF*kids* offers camps and concerts with each uniquely designed to foster a love and knowledge for classical and non-classical music. This year's concerts were **Shana Banana** and **Dan Zanes**. EMF*jazz&blues* runs each spring and EMF Fringe in the Fall each autumn. Singles tickets and FlexPasses are on sale now.

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For more information about EMF or its programs, please visit [www.EasternMusicFestival.org](http://www.EasternMusicFestival.org), or call toll free: 1.877.833.6753

*The Eastern Music Festival's mission is to promote musical enrichment, excellence, professional collaboration, innovation and diversity through a nationally-recognized teaching program, music festival, concerts and other programs which will enhance the quality of life, health and vitality of our region.*

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