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**Tickets now on sale for “Ten Grands” benefit concert
at Benaroya Hall to fund musical arts for students**

SEATTLE, Wash. (Nov. 23, 2009) – Just in time for holiday gift-giving, tickets for “Ten Grands,” a benefit concert scheduled for **May 21, 2010** at Seattle’s Benaroya Hall, are now on sale (tengrands.com). The third annual musical extravaganza that features 10 grand pianos and 10 concert pianists benefits The Snowman Foundation, which funds music education and experiences for youth throughout Washington and Oregon.

Ticket prices start at \$42 and may be ordered online at www.benaroyahall.org or by phone, 206.215.4747.

Pianists will play a variety of classical, jazz, blues, gospel, boogie woogie, pop, contemporary and new-age music, according to Michael Allen Harrison, artistic director and founder of Ten Grands and The Snowman Foundation. Artists play simultaneously, in duets and other combinations, and as soloists.

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Funds from the inaugural concert in 2008 and this year’s sold out event on April 3 have netted more than \$70,000. Seventeen groups in Washington state have received grants in support of their musical activities and programs. Recipients for the Snowman Foundation’s “Ten Grands” grants are selected based on need through an application process.

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The Snowman Foundation, based in Portland, Ore., was formed in September 1999, partly in response to school budget cuts affecting K-12 music programs. Since inception, the nonprofit organization has raised more than \$2 million.

Bellevue resident Kathy Fahlman Dewalt, who taught music for many years in public schools and was instrumental in bringing Ten Grands to Seattle through her longtime friendship with Harrison, serves as executive producer for the concert at Benaroya Hall. “Ten Grands does more than help fill the budget gaps. In Portland, and now in Seattle, it has evolved into a community effort that shares the joy, the healing, the learning, and the life-changing gifts music has to offer,” she remarked.

Proceeds fund lessons, musical instruments, materials and supplies, scholarships, artists-in-residence, underwriting to bring performing arts productions to targeted groups, and support for multi-generational and multi-cultural interactions in artistic productions.

Seattle Music Partners was one of the recipients of major grants from the 2008 and 2009 Ten Grands concerts. The nonprofit organization provides after-school music lessons to underserved elementary and middle school students in Seattle’s Central District.

RBC Wealth management is the presenting sponsor for the 2009 Ten Grands concert in Seattle. Classical KING FM 98.1 is the media sponsor.

Information on applying for grants is available on the Snowman Foundation website at snowmanfoundation.org. Organizations interested in sponsorship opportunities for Ten Grands Seattle are invited to contact Kathy Fahlman Dewalt at fahlmandewaltk@gmail.com. Direct donations to The Snowman Foundation may be made online at www.snowmanfoundation.org. The Snowman Foundation is a tax-exempt organization under IRS Sec 501(c)(3).

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