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## **School of Music to Focus on Piano Literature June 3-5**

**GREENSBORO, N.C.** – For three days, the School of Music at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro will resonate with the sounds of piano music with the return of the popular Focus on Piano Literature series June 3-5.

This year marks the conference’s 20th anniversary, and its focus celebrates another notable event – the 200th anniversary of the birth of two of the leading composers of the Romantic Era, Felix Mendelssohn and Robert Schumann.

The series features several concerts in the School of Music Recital Hall that are open to the public.

The highlight of the event is a Saturday, June 5, performance by three guest artists. Internationally renowned concert pianist Ann Schein will perform Schumann’s “Arabeske, Op. 18” and “Davidsbündlertänze, Op. 6” on piano. Earl Carlyss, on violin, and Darrett Adkins, on cello, will perform Mendelssohn’s “Trio in D minor, Op. 49.” Tickets for the 8 p.m. concert are \$25 and will be available at the door.

UNCG music faculty – including John Salmon, Andrew Willis, Nancy Walker, Robert Wells, Paul Stewart, Joseph Di Piazza, James Douglass, Marjorie Bagley, Alexander Ezermann, Ināra Zandmane and Fabián López – will also offer performances on the two previous days, Thursday and Friday, June 3-4. Tickets to the 8 p.m. performance on Wednesday, June 3, and the 3:15 p.m. concert on Friday, June 4, are \$15 and will be available at the door.

In addition to these performances, R. Larry Todd, a distinguished scholar on the faculty at Duke University and author of the preeminent biography of Mendelssohn, will give two lectures during the symposium, and School of Music faculty will also lecture. Guest Richard Kogan, a psychiatrist and concert pianist, will present a lecture-recital on “Schumann, Bipolar Disorder, and the Creative Process,” including a performance of “Carnaval, Op. 9” at 8 p.m. Friday, June 4.

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