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Breathtaking Piano Prodigy Joyce Yang to Perform April 15

*“The most gifted pianist of her generation” brings
Montalvo Piano Masters Series to a close*

“Romantic flair with musicianly elegance”

The New York Times

“Poetic and sensitive pianism...capable of

hurling thunderbolts” *The Washington Post*



SARATOGA, Calif. – At only 25 years of age, South Korean pianist **Joyce Yang** has firmly established herself as one of the world’s premier young musical talents, who is praised by critics for her exquisite precision and lyrical interpretive approach. The Montalvo Arts Center is pleased to announce she will perform in the Carriage House Theatre on **Sunday, April 15 at 7:30pm**. Tickets may be reserved either through the Montalvo Box Office or Ticketmaster.com. This will be the final show in Montalvo’s Piano Masters Series, a performance series devoted to bringing some of the most accomplished emerging and established pianists working today to Bay Area audiences.

For her performance at Montalvo, Yang will perform an assortment of pieces from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries, including compositions by Ludwig Van Beethoven, Frédéric Chopin, Robert Schumann, and Lowell Liebermann.

Born in 1986 in Seoul, Korea, Yang began her study of the piano when she was only four years old; her first teacher was her aunt. She displayed such precocious ability that over the next few years her parents began entering her in national piano competitions, of which she won several. By virtue of her remarkable talent, she was accepted into the School of Music at the Korea National

University of Arts at the age of ten. The following year, she moved to New York to begin study in the Pre-College division of the Juilliard School. During her first year, she won the Juilliard Pre-College Division Concerto Competition.

While still a student, Yang continued to distinguish herself at various important competitions, but it was her successes at the 2005 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition in Fort Worth, Texas, that drew her first major international attention. Only 19 years old at the time—making her the youngest competitor there—Yang won the silver medal, the Steven DeGroot Memorial Award for Best Performance of Chamber Music with the Takács Quartet and the Beverly Taylor Smith Award for Best Performance of a New Work. She made her New York Philharmonic debut in 2006, and in 2009, Yang was awarded the prestigious Avery Fisher Career Grant.

Completing her studies at Juilliard in 2010, Yang graduated with a B.A. in music with distinction in her studies, and two important awards from the school: the William A. Petschek Piano Recital Award and the Arthur Rubinstein Prize. She has gone on to a truly distinguished career as a professional performer, touring extensively in the United States, Europe, Australia, and Asia.

JOYCE YANG

What: Recital by virtuoso pianist Joyce Yang

When: Sunday, April 15, at 7:30pm

Where: Carriage House Theater at the Montalvo Arts Center

Admission: General: \$42/\$37 | Members: \$37/\$32. Tickets available through the Montalvo Box Office, Monday-Friday, 10am–4 pm at (408) 961-5858 and on Ticketmaster.com

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Montalvo Arts Center is an oasis of culture and nature whose mission is to create and present arts of all types, nurture artists, and use our historic Villa, buildings, and grounds in innovative ways that engage people in the creative process. Located in Silicon Valley's Saratoga hills, Montalvo Arts Center occupies a Mediterranean-style villa on 175 stunning acres, including an international artist residency program. Senator James Phelan left the historic villa and grounds to the people of California for the encouragement of art, music, literature and architecture. In January 2005, the organization changed its name from "Montalvo" to "Montalvo Arts Center" to commemorate its 75th year as an arts center and to better communicate its mission to expanding local, national and international audiences. Montalvo celebrates its centennial in 2012. For more information about Montalvo Arts Center, call (408) 961-5800 or visit <http://www.montalvoarts.org/>.