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What: Recital by acclaimed pianist Peter Collins presented by St. Mary's Chapel (Old Ursuline Convent).

When: Sunday, June 25, 2017. 6 PM

Where: St. Mary's Chapel (Old Ursuline Convent), 1116 Chartres St., New Orleans, LA.

Peter Collins has been a member the piano faculty of Missouri State University since 1993. A native of New Orleans, he began his formal piano studies with Melvin Alford. He received his Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees from the Peabody Conservatory under the instruction of Lillian Freundlich. After winning awards in several piano competitions (the Washington International Piano Competition, the University of Maryland International Piano Competition, the American Chopin Competition, and the American Beethoven Foundation) he received his Doctor of Musical Arts degree from The University of Michigan as a student of Louis Nagel. He has served on the faculties of the Interlochen Arts Academy, the Missouri Fine Arts Academy and the Bösendorfer International Piano Academy in Vienna.

Peter Collins has performed a wide variety of repertoire ranging from the complete piano sonatas of Beethoven and Mozart to contemporary works. At Missouri State University, he originated

the Missouri Chamber Players and toured Scandinavia three times with members of the ensemble in concerts of music by American composers. His important European appearances also include solo performances at the Chopin Academy of Music (Warsaw) and the Liszt Academy of Music (Budapest). As a concerto soloist he has collaborated with the Polish State Orchestra (Jelenia Góra), the Florida State Orchestra, the New Orleans Symphony, the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra, the Springfield Symphony and the Chamber Orchestra of the Ozarks. He has recorded 9 CDs for the Albany, MSR and Centaur labels.

PROGRAM: Mr. Collins will perform the music by Schubert (Four Impromptus, Op. 142), Sibelius (Kyllikki, Opus 41) and Liszt (“St. Francis of Assisi: The Sermon to the Birds” and “St. Francis of Paola Walking on the Waves”).

A free will donation will be taken at this recital for the purchase of a Steinway Piano for St. Mary’s Chapel and the restoration of the chapel’s historic Pilcher pipe organ.

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In the Heart of Christ,



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