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CONCERT PIANISTS RETURN TO TEXAS WESLEYAN FOR DEDICATION
PERFORMANCES

Duo-Pianists and Texas Wesleyan University alumni Howard and Patricia Barr will return to campus for the Barr Piano Dedication Concert – a celebration of their donation of three grand pianos to the Texas Wesleyan Music Department. The event, featuring a performance by Cliburn finalist Alexey Koltakov and Katerina Makarova, will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, in Martin Hall, 1309 Wesleyan St.

Howard Barr (Class of 1953) and Patricia Barr (Class of 1952) studied music at Texas Wesleyan University, married, moved to California and spent more than 30 years touring the United States and Canada. The couple established an endowment at Texas Wesleyan to fund an annual concert: The Stephen J. Barr Memorial Concert Series is named for their son, who died at a young age. The fund promotes and encourages chamber music in all forms, including the dual-piano repertory.

The couple recently decided to move back to Fort Worth and to donate their touring pianos, two Baldwin SD-10 grands, and a Baldwin studio grand from their home. The concert pianos will be played Tuesday night by acclaimed musicians Koltakov and Makarova. The performance will include selections from Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Sergei Rachmaninoff and Franz Liszt.

The celebration will continue with a Texas Wesleyan University faculty performance at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 23, also in Martin Hall. The featured performers are John Fisher, music professor and department chair, and Bruce McDonald, visiting assistant professor. Their selections include Frederic Chopin, Johannes Brahms and Sergei Rachmaninoff.

Both events are free and open to the public.