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Piano Concert Features Former Resident

Pianist James Litzelman, a former Ste. Marie resident, will present a piano concert on Saturday, Sept. 4 at 2 p.m. in St. Mary's Church, Ste. Marie, IL. The concert is a benefit for the Sainte Marie Foundation's renovation of its 140-year-old house/museum.

Litzelman is presently director of the graduate program in piano pedagogy at Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. Son of Don and Christine Litzelman of Sainte Marie, he attended Ste. Marie Elementary School, Newton Community High School and Eastern Illinois University where he received a degree in music (piano performance) in 1984. He then entered Catholic University for graduate work and became a faculty member in 1993.

Litzelman is well known as a soloist, collaborative artist and lecturer, having performed and lectured in the United States, Europe, China, Russia and Mexico.

While at Newton Community High School, he was very active in the band and chorus. He studied piano with Jasper County resident, Sandra Clark, also another EIU graduate. He returns to Ste. Marie to play this concert in St. Mary's Church where he once played piano and organ as a teenager.

Tickets (\$10 adults, \$5 for students/children) are available at a variety of banks throughout the area, including: [Sainte Marie State Bank](#), [Peoples State Bank of Newton](#), [First National Bank of Dieterich](#) (Newton branch), [First Financial Bank](#) (Newton) and [Crossroads Bank](#) (Effingham) or from the Sainte Marie Foundation, PO Box 186, Ste. Marie, IL 62459.

Samuel Music Company of Effingham assisted with the rental of a nine-foot grand piano for this concert. A reception will be held at the Ste. Marie American Legion immediately following the concert.

The Sainte Marie Foundation, founded in 2007, is incorporated as an Illinois not-for-profit, founded exclusively for charitable purposes and dedicated to the improvement and historical preservation of Ste. Marie. The Foundation House, which was donated to the Foundation in 2008, is the former Harley and Lena Kirts home, a large prairie house that Foundation volunteers have spent many hours renovating during the past two years. Eventually, it will house a museum dedicated to Ste. Marie history. For more information about the concert or the Foundation, call Maxine Calvert at 618-455-3227.

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