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ARTS San Antonio presents

Nobuyuki Tsujii in Recital

Gold Medalist of the 2009 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition

Ruth Taylor Concert Hall at Trinity University, San Antonio

Thursday, October 13, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are on sale now.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS –Gold Medalist of the 2009 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition **Nobuyuki Tsujii** will perform a solo recital at the acoustically superb Ruth Taylor Concert Hall on October 13, 2011. ARTS San Antonio will present this recital at 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices start at \$20 and may be purchased at Ticketmaster.com, by calling Ticketmaster at (800) 745-3000, at the Laurie Auditorium Box Office (210) 998-8117 or at all Ticketmaster outlets.

Nobuyuki Tsujii is in high demand worldwide and has catapulted to rock star status in Japan after he performed more than 50 engagements throughout Asia. Blind since birth, Tsujii, whom his friends refer to by the diminutive of “Nobu,” states that “there are no barriers in the field of music.” His philosophy was first affirmed at the age of seven when he was named first-prize winner at the All Japan Blind Students Music Competition.

In 2009, he earned the Gold Medal at the Thirteenth Van Cliburn International Piano Competition in Fort Worth, Texas. He also won the Beverley Taylor Smith Award for the Best Performance of a New Work for his interpretation of John Musto’s *Improvisation and Fugue*. Peter Rosen’s documentary of the Thirteenth Van Cliburn

International Piano Competition, *A Surprise in Texas*, features Tsujii prominently and was released to critical acclaim.

When he met with 275 piano students in the Dallas-Fort Worth area following the Van Cliburn competition, Nobuyuki Tsujii advised them to “Please practice your best, but also please remember that you have to take the time to experience life to give your music meaning. I do things like mountain climbing, swimming, skiing and walking by the river. Whatever you like to do, this will help you enjoy your music more.” He is currently a participant in the performance program at Japan’s Ueno Gakuen University.

This performance is made possible in part by a generous grant from the Japan Foundation, New York. This performance is part of ARTS San Antonio’s Whole Enchilada and Variety performance series available for purchase through ARTS SA.

Tickets prices are \$60, \$48, \$34, and \$20. Tickets may be purchased at Ticketmaster.com, by calling (800) 745-3000, at the Laurie Auditorium Box Office (210) 998-8117, 715 Stadium Drive and at all Ticketmaster outlets. For information about the performance or to purchase season or series tickets, call ARTS SA (210) 226-2891, visit Majestic Theatre Tower Suite 400, 222 East Houston Street, or visit ArtsSA.org.

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