

San Francisco's Community Music Center (CMC) Hosts Free Master Class By World-Renowned Pianist, Emanuel Ax, on Sat., Jan. 16

SAN FRANCISCO – Nov. 4, 2015 – San Francisco's [Community Music Center](#) (CMC) today announced that distinguished pianist, Emanuel Ax, is scheduled to perform a second master class at CMC's Mission District branch on Saturday, Jan. 16 2016 from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Ax previously hosted his first master class at CMC in September 2013, and his return will kick-off the 95th Anniversary events scheduled throughout the year for CMC.

Four CMC piano students, whose ability levels range from intermediate to advanced, will be selected to perform under Ax's supervision and in front of the audience for 15 minutes. A brief Q&A session will follow (time permitting), which gives CMC students and master class attendees alike the unique opportunity to engage with the eminent musician.

Students or piano ensembles are nominated by piano faculty and chamber group coaches at CMC for the chance to take part in the master class. Each nominee or ensemble will perform in front of a panel at CMC, who will then make the final decision in mid-November.



World-renowned pianist, Emanuel Ax, offers a master class in Community Music Center's concert hall on Saturday, Jan. 16, 2016.

"It's such a pleasure to welcome Emanuel Ax back to San Francisco's Community Music Center after his incredibly popular master class two years ago," said Chris Borg, CMC's executive director. "Emanuel is one of the world's most celebrated pianists and the students who participate in this amazing opportunity will gain invaluable experience – as well as experience an unforgettable afternoon of personal growth and learning."

Ryan Floyd was one of the students coached by Ax in CMC's 2013 master class. "I was very flattered to share the stage with Emanuel Ax," he said. "He helped me think more deeply about the overall structure of my pieces with respect to the dynamics and I learned a lot about the power of diligence. Plus, it was a real blast to hear him play a Beethoven Sonata."

The master class is free and open to the public. Seating is very limited, so advanced reservations are highly recommended. The event page can be accessed [here](#).

CALENDAR EDITORS, PLEASE NOTE:

CMC Hosts Free Emanuel Ax Master Class

WHAT:

Community Music Center invites the public to its Mission District branch at 1:30 p.m. on Sat., Jan. 16, 2016 to experience a master class from world-renowned pianist, Emanuel Ax. The hour-long session features four CMC students giving a performance under the supervision of Mr. Ax, and is a highlight of CMC's 95th anniversary year.

WHERE:

Community Music Center
544 Capp St.
San Francisco, CA 94110

WHEN:

Sat, Jan. 16th, 2016 | 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

COST:

Free

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Click [here](#) for the event page or visit www.sfcmc.org.

MEDIA, PLEASE NOTE:

Reporters/editors interested in attending the Emanuel Ax master class or interviewing CMC's Executive Director, Chris Borg, please contact Greg Bortkiewicz at 415-259-2306 or greg@landispr.com.

About San Francisco's Community Music Center

Founded in 1921, San Francisco's Community Music Center (CMC), a Bay Area nonprofit, is one of the oldest and largest community arts organizations on the West Coast making high quality music accessible to all people, regardless of financial means. CMC, based in the Mission District, was established to "be a provider of music that is not art for art's sake, but art for life's sake." CMC serves more than 23,000 people each year, including more than 2,400 students of all ages, ethnicities and income levels who enjoy music lessons, programs and concerts at no or low cost.

Learn more about CMC at www.sfcmc.org and follow the organization on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).

About Emanuel Ax

Born in Lvov, Poland, Emanuel Ax moved to Winnipeg, Canada with his family when he was a young boy. He studied at the Juilliard School and won the Young Concert Artists Award. In recent years, Mr. Ax has turned his attention toward the music of 20th century composers, while he is also devoted to chamber music. Mr. Ax resides in New York City with his wife, pianist Yoko Nozaki. They have two children together, Joseph and Sarah. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and holds honorary doctorates of music from Yale and Columbia Universities.

Learn more about Emanuel Ax at www.emanuelax.com.

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