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International Keyboard Odysiad & Festival U.S.A

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This summer, a one-of-a-kind, international piano competition and festival is in its sixth year at Colorado State University, giving the public a rare opportunity to hear gifted pianists from around the world. The 2017 International Keyboard Odysiad® & Festival, U.S.A. features internationally-renowned pianists, including Van Cliburn medalists, in five riveting evening concerts, alongside an Olympic-styled competition for young pianists ages 11-35, including two CSU students.

The term Odysiad® (pronounced O-dys-si-ad) comes from odyssey, and was coined to signify “A Journey to the Performance of a Lifetime.” From Aug. 1-5, 47 talented pianists will continue their epic journey in Fort Collins, converging on the University Center for the Arts for the semifinal and final rounds of the Odysiad Competition, having “made the cut” in preliminary rounds held in Dallas, Miami, Korea, three cities in China, and online by video submission.

Two CSU music performance majors were selected anonymously, by video audition, for participation in this year’s competition: Ty Huey, a sophomore from Denver who holds the College of Liberal Arts’ “Champion an Artist” scholarship; and Sicong “Frank” Zhou, a senior piano major from Shanghai, China.

The semifinal round takes place on Tuesday, Aug. 1, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the University Center for the Arts, and is free and open to the public. The two CSU students are among the 47 remaining competitors from fourteen U.S. states and seven countries, including Korea, China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Cuba, Macedonia, and Turkey.

For more information, visit Odysiad’s website [HERE](http://example.com) and School of Music, Theatre and Dance [HERE](http://example.com).
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17th ANNUAL
diversity SYMPOSIUM

SEPTEMBER 26 – 28, 2017
http://diversity.colostate.edu/diversity-symposium/

August 24, 2017

Employee Appreciation Celebration

This event is intended to say “Thank You” to all of our great CSU employees. The three employee Councils will have an employee gift, other free swag and door prizes too! There will be snacks, a cash bar, and lots of your friends.
The City of Fort Collins’ Office of Social Sustainability has once again organized a **Multicultural Community Retreat (MCR)** to take place from **Friday, September 8th through Saturday, September 9th, 2017** at the Foothills Unitarian Church facility. This two-day event is a joint effort to help increase knowledge, mindfulness and effective behaviors across cultures in our community. Under the City of Fort Collins leadership and in partnership with CSU, Front Range Community College, Poudre School District, Diversity Solutions Group, LLC, and a number of community volunteers, the MCR helps us to make an explicit commitment to inclusivity and to more informed and capable citizens that know how to grow and sustain a respectful and welcoming community for ALL.

Click on the event page [HERE](#) to learn more and to register.
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COMMUNITY WELCOME

August 23, 2017

The City of Fort Collins and Colorado State University are teaming up for the 17th annual Community Welcome event taking place Wednesday, August 23rd, 2017.

The goal of the program is to help foster a sense of community and connection between students and long-term Fort Collins residents. Over 200 volunteers, made up of CSU students and staff, city employees, and Fort Collins and CSU police go door-to-door visiting approximately 2,000 homes in neighborhoods close to the main campus. On August 23, teams will once again distribute valuable information about City ordinances and expectations the University has for its students. Additionally, the teams encourage neighbors to get out and meet each other (providing residents with the new “Art of Neighboring” brochures to exchange names and contact information) to create positive relationships with new and old neighbors.

Those interested in signing up to volunteer from 4:30pm-8:00pm that evening (and receive FREE dinner, T-shirt*, dessert) can sign up HERE. If you have any questions, you can contact Lindsay Mason via lindsay.mason@colostate.edu.

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