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EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS KEYBOARD CONVERSATIONS®
WITH JEFFREY SIEGEL CONCLUDES 2010-11 SEASON WITH
"PARIS 1911! A CENTURY CELEBRATION!" MON., MAY 9, 2011

RICHARDSON – *Eisemann Center Presents* announces the final concert of the 2010-2011 Season of **Keyboard Conversations®** featuring concert pianist **Jeffrey Siegel**. The performance, titled *Paris 1911! A Century Celebration!*, will be held in the Eisemann Center's Bank of America Theatre on Monday, May 9, 2011 at 7:30 pm. This program includes enduring, forever engaging masterpieces composed exactly one century ago including Ravel's *Noble and Sentimental Waltzes*, the exotic *Preludes* of Debussy and Faure, humorous short pieces of Eric Satie and Stravinsky's colorful *Petrouchka*.

In addition to his solo appearances, **Jeffrey Siegel** presents **Keyboard Conversations®**, concerts with lively commentary in an innovative format that differs from traditional recitals and appearances with symphony orchestras. A Keyboard Conversation is a concert with each work on the program performed in its entirety. Mr. Siegel speaks briefly and informally to the audience before performing each composition, illustrating with a few pertinent musical examples from the keyboard. The commentary makes the music more accessible and the listening experience more focused and meaningful for music lovers of all ages.

There will be a post-concert reception with Mr. Siegel for all attendees to announce the 2011-2012 Season concerts. All concerts in this series are at 7:30 pm in the Bank of America Theatre. Single tickets range from \$20-\$25 and are available online at www.eisemanncenter.com or by phone through the Eisemann Center Ticket Office at 972-744-4650. The Ticket Office is open from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm Monday – Saturday and one hour before performances. Music teachers who purchase a ticket may request a complimentary ticket to bring a student to experience a **Keyboard Conversations®**.

"Over the past three years we established a strong relationship and partnership with the Friends of Classical Music in presenting this exceptional series featuring **Jeffrey Siegel**. Our taking the lead this season in presenting **Keyboard Conversations®** is a positive step forward in our efforts to expand the *Eisemann Educates* component of our programming. Jeffrey's interaction with patrons and the stories he tells to enlighten our understanding of the composer and music is enhanced all the more by his piano artistry," said Eisemann Center Managing Director, Bruce MacPherson.

Jeffrey Siegel has been soloist with some of the world's great orchestras. Abroad, these include the Berlin Philharmonic, London Symphony, Philharmonic and Philharmonia, Moscow State Symphony, Bayerischer Rundfunk, The Hague Residentie Orkest, Oslo Philharmonic, Stockholm Philharmonic and many others. In the United States, engagements include the New York Philharmonic, Los Angeles Philharmonic, The Philadelphia Orchestra, The Cleveland Orchestra, Boston Symphony Orchestra and Chicago Symphony Orchestra. For more information about Mr. Siegel, visit www.keyboardconversations.com. **Jeffrey Siegel** is a Steinway artist.

The Charles W. Eisemann Center is located at 2351 Performance Drive in Richardson, Texas. The Eisemann Center is accessible from Highway 75 North taking the Galatyn Parkway/Renner Road exit going north and the Galatyn Parkway/Campbell Road exit going south or from the DART light rail station at Galatyn Park. Sponsors for the 2010-11 Season include Friends of Classical Music, *The Dallas Morning News*, WFAA-TV and **Keyboard Conversations®** radio partner *WRR Classical 101.1 FM*.

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