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Jeffrey Siegel's Keyboard Conversations® presents
"Chopin the Storyteller"
Mon., Feb. 1 in the Eisemann Center's Bank of America Theatre

RICHARDSON – Friends of Classical Music in partnership with *Eisemann Center Presents* announces the third concert of the 2009-2010 Season of **Keyboard Conversations®** featuring concert pianist **Jeffrey Siegel**. The concert, titled *Chopin the Storyteller*, will be held in the Eisemann Center's Bank of America Theatre on Monday, February 1, 2010 at 7:30 pm. The concert will include epic poems and short stories in tone. Mr. Siegel will discuss what might have inspired these musical narratives including the ballades of Chopin and novelettes of Robert Schumann.

A remaining concert in the 2009-10 **Keyboard Conversations®** Series is scheduled for Monday, May 3, 2010. All concerts in this series are at 7:30 pm in the Bank of America Theatre and the theme for this season is *Celebrating CHOPIN!* Single tickets are \$28 with discounts available for seniors and students 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. Series subscriptions are available as well through the Eisemann Center Ticket Office.

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 primarily a concert; each work on the program is performed in its entirety. As the significant plus, 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, the listening experience more focused and meaningful for audiences of all ages. The concerts finish with a brisk question and answer session, when everyone in the audience has a chance to participate.

"Friends of Classical Music have been presenting Mr. Siegel and **Keyboard Conversations®** for more than twenty years. We were pleased when they moved the series to our Bank of America Theatre two years ago. Our partnership was formed to support the educational components that we feel Mr. Siegel's programs bring to the community that mirrors well with our *Eisemann Educates* program," 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, Orchestra of La Scala and NHK Symphony of Japan. 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 and his schedule of concerts, visit his website at www.keyboardconversations.com.

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.

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