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Community School of Music and Arts Presents Piano Recital with Merit Scholarship Students of Ludmila Kurtova, February 24, 5pm

MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA – The Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA) in Mountain View presents a piano recital with the Merit Scholarship Students of Ludmila Kurtova on Saturday, February 24 at 5:00pm. The performance will be held in Tateuchi Hall at the Community School of Music and Arts, located at 230 San Antonio Circle in Mountain View. This event is free and open to the public. Seating is limited, so please arrive early. Doors open at 4:30pm.

Ludmila Kurtova is an internationally-acclaimed pianist and a CSMA Distinguished Teacher. In this annual recital, outstanding Merit Scholarship Students of Ms. Kurtova will perform classical pieces on piano. This year's program will feature works by Russian composers, including Rachmaninoff, Tchaikovsky, Scriabin, Mussorgsky and Stravinsky. Featured pieces will include Stravinsky's *Petrushka* arranged for two pianos and Rachmaninoff's *Barcarolle* for two pianos. Performers range in age from 9 to 17 years old. CSMA Merit Scholars are awarded scholarships based on a high level of commitment, talent and achievement in their music studies. Merit Scholars and their families are regarded as local ambassadors for the CSMA Music School and perform at high-profile events throughout the community.

A world-renowned pianist, Ludmila Kurtova has more than 30 years of performance experience as a member of the Moscow State Philharmonic, an organization of the best musical performers in the former Soviet Union. She is a graduate of the Moscow State Conservatory, one of the world's leading music schools. Her experience includes over 50 recitals per year around the world as a soloist and chamber performer. Ms. Kurtova has received numerous honors, including a United Nations honorary medal.

Ms. Kurtova has taught lessons and master classes at numerous sites throughout Europe. An exceptional educator, she has been a member of the CSMA Faculty since 1998, teaching private piano lessons and chamber music. From 2008-2010, her students won 16 medals, including eight golds, in international piano competitions.

This event is part of CSMA's 2017-2018 Community Concert Series. In keeping with CSMA's mission to provide *Arts for All*, Community Concerts are free and open to the public. The Community Concert Series

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EVENT CALENDAR INFORMATION:

WHAT: Piano Recital with Merit Scholarship Students of Ludmila Kurtova

WHERE: Tateuchi Hall; Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA)
Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View, CA

WHEN: Saturday, February 24, 2018; 5:00pm
Doors open at 4:30pm. Please arrive early. Seating is limited.

COST: Free. Open to the public.

INFO: www.arts4all.org; 650-917-6800, ext 305

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Founded in 1968, the Community School of Music and Arts is Northern California's largest non-profit provider of arts education programs. With a \$6 million budget and 160-member staff and faculty, CSMA is one of the ten largest community schools in the United States. Located in the heart of Silicon Valley, one of the global capitals of creativity, CSMA is dedicated to making the arts and arts education accessible to all, regardless of age, experience, background or financial means. Headquartered in the award-winning Finn Center in the City of Mountain View, CSMA directly serves over 26,000 people of all ages, skill levels and economic means each year, including over 18,000 students at 50+ schools in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties.

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