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Quick Facts

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- Formerly of the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore, Hautzig has performed all over the world, including numerous concerts in Japan and throughout western Europe and South America.
- Recently, Steinway Hall in New York City presented him in recital as a special celebration of his 90th birthday.



Walter Hautzig, left, at a master class

ROCK HILL, S.C. - Austrian concert pianist Walter Hautzig will perform a recital of classical compositions on Jan. 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conservatory of Music's Frances May Barnes Recital

For more than 22 years, Hautzig has presented recitals annually at Winthrop. From 1999 to 2009 he taught master classes each summer at Winthrop, attracting students and teachers from all over the world. Formerly of the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore, Hautzig has performed all over the world, including numerous concerts in Japan and throughout western Europe and South America. Recently, Steinway Hall in New York City presented him in recital as a special celebration of his 90th

birthday.

Hautzig's recordings of Schubert, Chopin and Brahms have received critical acclaim. His autobiography "Playing Around the World: A Pianist Remembers" traces his life as a concert pianist dating back to his youth in Vienna. After the Nazis rose to power, he left Austria for Jerusalem, where he studied at the conservatory there. Hautzig came to the U.S. in 1939, continuing his musical education at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, Pa., graduating with honors.

His autobiography also traces his study with legendary teachers such as Artur Schnabel and Mieczyslaw Munz. Hautzig remains one of the last generations of great pianists associated with the Golden Age of the Piano.

Hautzig's Winthrop recital will include Brahms' "F Minor Sonata" and other works by Chopin and Schubert.

Tickets for the Jan. 27 concert are \$15 for general audience; \$10 for senior citizens and Winthrop faculty/staff; and \$5 for students.

For more information about the concert, contact the Department of Music at 803/323-4639.

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