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ROCK HILL, S.C. - World-renowned pianist Walter Hautzig will spend June 25-30 on the Winthrop University campus teaching his celebrated Master Piano Class. During the week, several concerts including a solo concert featuring Hautzig will be performed, and the public is invited to attend. This marks the 18th year that Winthrop will host this musical event.

Students in grades seven through 12, and in college, as well as teachers and performers are invited to participate. The cost is $375 for auditors, $475 for full participants, $75 per day for part-time auditors and $500 for academic credit. Full participants will receive a one-hour private lesson with Hautzig.

In the many years that Hautzig has held his master classes – not only at Winthrop but also at Hartt School of Music in Connecticut and Smith College in Massachusetts – well over 1,000 pianists have attended. Besides being an expert teacher, Hautzig, a native of Vienna, Austria, is an active performer, having played concerts in more than 50 countries and having recorded extensively.

In addition to teaching, Hautzig will perform a solo concert on June 25. The master pianist will perform works by Beethoven, Schubert, Ginastera and Chopin. Ticket prices are $10 for students and seniors and $15 for other adults.

The following night, June 26, Eugene Barban, professor emeritus of music and director of the Walter Hautzig Master Class, will play works by Schubert, Gottschalk, Brahms and Liaponuv. On June 27, there will be a joint piano recital by Judy Thomas and Allen Kindt, and on June 28, members of Hautzig’s master class will perform.

All of the concerts will be held in the Frances May Barnes Recital Hall at 8 p.m. The concerts on June 26-28 are free and open to the public.

To register for the master class or for more information about these events, contact Barban at 803-548-0750 or e-mail barbane@winthrop.edu.