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Come Chase Chopin with Pianist Alpin Hong March 9 at Heritage Center

Heritage Center, University of Dubuque's performing arts, worship, and campus center, continues its third annual *Live at Heritage Center* Performing Arts Series with *Alpin Hong's "Chasing Chopin"* Wednesday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m. Whirlwind American tours and performances across the globe have earned pianist Alpin Hong the reputation of a modern day Pied Piper.

WHAT: *Live at Heritage Center* Performing Arts Series – *Alpin Hong "Chasing Chopin"*
WHEN: Wednesday, March 9, 2016, 7:30 p.m.
WHERE: John and Alice Butler Hall, Heritage Center
TICKETS: \$19-\$24 adult, \$15-\$19 UD alumni, \$10 students

Alpin Hong's combination of stunning technique, emotional range, and rare humor continues to bring audiences young and old to their feet. Rooted in extensive classical training and a background in extreme sports, martial arts, and video games, Mr. Hong is a creative force unmatched in his vitality and charisma. *The New York Times* called him "a pianistic firebrand."

Alpin Hong is a native of Michigan and made his orchestral debut with the Kalamazoo Symphony at the age of ten. Enduring a catastrophic loss at age 12, Hong's passion fueled a career which has taken him to Juilliard, Carnegie Hall, the White House, and all 50 states.

Mr. Hong's lifelong fascination with the music of Chopin has thrilled, haunted, and sustained him. *Chasing Chopin* is a theatrical journey into Hong's extraordinary life. His autobiographical storytelling and dazzling performance dives into personal moments both hilarious and tragic. This window into Hong's life journey gives audiences an intimate look into gripping interpretations of Chopin's music.

The performance will be preceded by a free 30-minute lecture presented by Alan Huckleberry, professor of piano at the University of Iowa at 6:30 p.m. in Babka Theatre. A reception will also be held from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Bisignano Art Gallery in conjunction with the Salvador

Dalí: Twelve Signs of the Zodiac exhibit presented in collaboration with the Dubuque Museum of Art.

Tickets for *Alpin Hong "Chasing Chopin"* can be purchased now at the Farber Box Office Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Heritage Center, University of Dubuque, 2255 Bennett Street; by phone at 563-585-SHOW; or online at www.dbq.edu/heritagecenter.

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