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## VIRTUOSO PIANIST NOBUYUKI TSUJII TO PLAY AT UBC MARCH 10

"Nobu Fever" is Catching Hold with this Signature Event in the Series Beyond the Screen: disability and the Arts

Vancouver, BC – St. John's College UBC, in partnership with the UBC School of Music, and UBC Access & Diversity, are excited to present Nobuyuki Tsujii in performance at UBC in the Roy Barnett Recital Hall on March 10, 2013, at 7:30 pm. Blind since birth, Tsujii's Gold Medal performance at the Van Cliburn 2009 Competition surprised, electrified and moved both critics and audience. A superstar in his home country of Japan, he is fast becoming a worldwide sensation. Tsuji will be playing a repertoire of Debussy and Chopin.

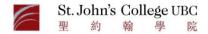
As the Winnipeg Free Press recently put it, "From the moment Japanese pianist Nobuyuki Tsujii walked on stage, we knew we were witnessing someone about who we will come to say, 'I heard him when...'" <u>http://www.winnipegfreepress.com/arts-and-life/entertainment/music/meet-the-next-great-pianist-187570191.html</u>

Two years ago, on March 10, 2011 at 9:46 pm PST, a devastating earthquake and tsunami hit the eastern coasts of Japan. In light of this tragic anniversary, Nobuyuki Tsujii is dedicating his UBC concert to the victims, families, survivors, as well as to the rescue forces from around the world and to the people who raised a helping hand to the people of Japan.

## Beyond the Screen: disability and the Arts

A series of free events at St. John's College UBC will be organized to encourage discussion and debate on the merits of competition, prejudices regarding disabled musicians, different ways of teaching music for different needs, and the responsibilities of the university when it comes to students with different learning needs. There is will also be an opportunity to meet Mr. Tsujii during a fireside chat.





Thursday, February 28 | 7:30 pm A debate - *The Merits of Competition* 

Thursday, March 7 | 7:30 pm An introduction - The Repertoire of Chopin and Debussy for the Beginner

Friday, March 8 | 5:00 pm A Fireside Chat with Mr. Nobuyuki Tsujii

Sunday, March 10 | 2:30 – 5:30 pm A workshop - Learning Music with a Learning Disability: Gifts and Challenges

Monday, March 25 | 5:00 pm A conversation - *Measuring the Best? A conversation about merit and the university.* 

All events are free, open to the public, and take place in the Fairmont Social Lounge at St. John's College UBC, 2111 Lower Mall. To register for these events: <u>http://stjohns.ubc.ca/2013/01/disability-and-the-arts/</u>.

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