

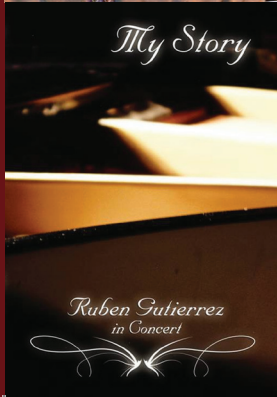
≈ *Ivories on the Border* ≈

88 Keys

Ivories on the Border presents a new concert series this season. “88 Keys” celebrates the return of our two concert instruments — a Steinway Concert Grand and Imperial Bosendorfer — from *Klavierhaus, Inc.* of New York. With piano performance and pedagogy at the root of all activities, join us as we surround ourselves with glorious tones, sharp rhythms, haunting lyricism and beautiful music — all through those “88 Keys”.



My Story



*Ruben Gutierrez
in Concert*



**Ruben Gutierrez, pianist
Viewing and Live Performances
from the newly released DVD, *My Story*
Thursday, August 27th, 7:30 p.m.**

Professor of Piano and Jazz, Ruben Gutierrez, walks us through the memorable accounts of his life, often times accompanied by original compositions. Join us as one of El Paso's greatest jazz musicians and classically-trained pianists shares his viewpoints on music, composition and life's philosophies. Professor Gutierrez will also perform some of his favorite pieces from the movie, and you will be thrilled to hear the glorious tones coming out of UTEP's newly refurbished piano. An evening to remember, *My Story* will be available for purchase immediately after the show.

Tickets: \$12 General Admission, \$10 Seniors and Military, \$5 Students and Ivories on the Border Members. Faculty and Staff, free.

Alumnus Pianist Returns
Thomas Azar, pianist
Friday, September 11th, 7:30 p.m.

A graduate from the UTEP Piano Area, Mr. Thomas Azar returns to El Paso to offer a stunning solo piano recital on our newly refurbished concert grand piano. He will offer works by Schubert, Brahms, Bach and Janacek. Soon to be a graduate from the Manhattan School of Music in Piano Performance, Thomas received the Master of Music in Piano Performance (2007) from the University of Arizona under the tutelage of Tannis Gibson. From UTEP he was awarded the Bachelor of Music Composition (2003), working with Ruben Gutierrez, and the Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance (2004) with both Arryl Paul and Dena Kay Jones as influences. Come and enjoy this young, aspiring talent!

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Natalya Shkoda, pianist
Friday, September 25th, 7:30 p.m.

A native of Kharkiv, Dr. Natalya Shkoda is one of the most dynamic and exciting young artists and teachers of today. She visits us in El Paso, offering a solo piano recital of interesting works by Viktor Kosenko, including three piano sonatas and his Passacaglia, Op. 19. Her debut CD featuring the first Western recording of the "Eleven Etudes in the Form of Old Dances," also by Viktor Kosenko, was released on the "Toccat Classics" label in London, U.K. and received critical acclaim, including reviews in Fanfare and International Piano. We are thrilled to have her with us this season, as we celebrate the return of our concert instruments. Dr. Shkoda is on faculty at California State University in Chico.

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Dr. Dena Kay Jones, pianist
Friday, October 30th, 7:30 p.m.

UTEP Piano Faculty Dr. Dena Kay Jones offers a performance of works by Franz Liszt and Isaac Albéniz. “I’m fascinated by these two composers. Both were war-horse pianists, composed in virtuosic mediums and expressed passion through the piano. Liszt was a teacher to Albéniz, and although there are elements of similar writing style, Albéniz uniquely captures Spain, as Liszt did Hungary in select works ... all through those eighty-eight keys. I can’t wait to share this music and break in that ‘new’ piano!” Works scheduled include the Sonata in B Minor by Liszt and selections from Albéniz’ Iberia. Of Jones’ performances, it has been acclaimed that, “It is no small compliment to say that she has mastered the Spanish idiom so well she might be mistaken for a native of this country (Atlanta).”

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Ivories on the Border Additional Activities

☼ Thomas Azar will offer a master class to select UTEP piano majors. Friday, September 11th, 1:30 p.m., Place TBD. For more information, please call 747-5606.

☼ Natalya Shkoda will offer a master class to select UTEP piano majors. Friday, September 25th, 2:30 p.m., Place TBD. For more information, please call 747-5606.

☼ Italian jazz pianist, composer, and classical violinist Luca Ciarla visits with UTEP faculty, students and members of the local piano teachers' organization, the El Paso Music Teachers Association (EPMTA). Mr. Ciarla will talk about his unique and interesting journeys in music. Thursday, October 8th, 10:30 a.m., Fox Fine Arts Music Building, Faculty Conference Room 300.

☼ Student Piano Area Recital. Thursday, November 19th, 7:30 p.m., Room 340. Join us as our UTEP Piano Majors offer select solo piano works.

All events are free and open to the public.

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