

The Clarksburg-Harrison Cultural Foundation announces a concert by the versatile pianist and composer, Samuel Sterling Gingher on Friday, May 30th at 7:30 p.m. at Waldomore in downtown Clarksburg. This will be the fifteenth performance in Clarksburg-Harrison Cultural Foundation's Ivory Evenings series.

Gingher currently resides in Urbana, Illinois where he attends the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, studying with Timothy Ehlen. Presently completing a Doctorate in Musical Arts, he holds two master degrees in Piano Performance and Piano Pedagogy. A graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2006, he received private instruction from Thomas Otten and Edmund Paolantonio.

In 2014, Gingher won the Krannert Debut Artist award at Krannert Center for the Performing Arts. Gingher was awarded 1st prize at WVU's Music Festival in the Classical Collegiate Piano Competition, 1st prize at the Brevard Music Festival Solo Piano Competition, 1st prize in the Young Artist Concerto Competition with the Lagrange Symphony Orchestra, and was a winner of both concerto competitions at UNC-Chapel Hill and the University of Illinois.

Keith Jackson, Director of the School of Music at West Virginia University says of this young American pianist, "With fine musical abilities and a keen mind Sam Gingher embodies the qualities that the next generation of pianists should strive for. With an eloquence to his playing of the canon and the curiosity to explore a multitude of styles he is a performer that brings a needed "freshness" to the concert hall."

Ivory Evenings showcases some of the country's finest piano talent. West Virginia's visit by our country's National Symphony Orchestra and support by the Barbara B. and Cecil B. Highland Fund launched these Ivory Evenings in March 2011. Among the musical talents appearing here are Frederick Moyer, Jack Gibbons, Teresa Walters and Robert Henry. Recordings from Ivory Evening concerts at Waldomore by Moyer & Henry have been broadcast nationally on public radio's *Performance Today*. All Ivory Evening musicians perform on the Cultural Foundation's Concert Grand Pianos.

A "meet the artist" reception hosted by the Clarksburg League for Service will follow the concert. All Ivory Evenings concerts are free and open to the public.

