

Cecil Lytle Concert “Liszt-O-Mania” Benefits Undergraduate Scholarships on Jan. 31

14th annual fundraiser honors composer Franz Liszt with piano performance by UC San Diego's renowned professor emeritus

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"I cannot begin to describe all of the advantages and opportunities my scholarship has offered me," said Pablo Davila, an undergraduate at the University of California, San Diego, who is studying psychology. "None of my college experiences could have been possible without the assistance."

Davila is the recipient of the Endowed Lytle Scholarship, which is awarded to exceptional graduates of The Preuss School whose college destination is UC San Diego's Thurgood Marshall College. The Preuss School (<http://preuss.ucsd.edu/>) is a nationally ranked public charter school (grades 6-12), providing intensive college preparatory education for motivated students from low income families who will become the first in their families to attend college.

On Jan. 31 the Lytle Scholarship will get a boost with the 14th annual Lytle Scholarship Concert in the acoustically-acclaimed Conrad Prebys Concert Hall. World-renowned pianist Cecil Lytle will play "Liszt-O-Mania" as a precursor to Franz Liszt's 200th birthday. Proceeds from the concert will go directly to the scholarship fund to benefit students like Davila. Since its establishment in 1995, the Lytle Scholarship has helped dozens of students from disadvantaged backgrounds pursue their dreams at UC San Diego. Lytle is a professor emeritus of music at UC San Diego and former provost of Thurgood Marshall College.

Davila is enrolled in the McNair research program at UC San Diego, which provides effective preparation for doctoral study to low-income, first-generation college students and students from groups underrepresented in graduate education. Davila also serves as vice-president of a Latino-based fraternity, through which he is dedicated to community service and raising awareness of the Latino community on campus.

In addition to supporting much-needed undergraduate scholarships, this year's Lytle Scholarship Concert includes an exciting new dimension: the concert will kick off the filming of a documentary on the life and music of Franz Liszt. Lytle and UCTV are teaming up to make this three-part film series, which will also be shot on location in New York, Hungary, Germany, Austria and the UC San Diego campus. The documentary will capture the complicated and often tragic aspects of Liszt's personal life, in addition to celebrating his musical accomplishments and significant impact on the Romantic Movement in Europe.

The Lytle Scholarship Concert will be held Sunday, Jan. 31 at 3:00 p.m. in the Conrad Prebys Concert Hall on the UC San Diego campus. Tickets are \$50 for general admission and \$25 for students. The Lytle Scholarship Concert is part of UC San Diego's \$50 million student support campaign "Invent the Future . " To register, please visit <http://www.studentsupport.ucsd.edu/RELS>. Further information may be obtained by calling (858) 534-1507.

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