



## PRESS RELEASE

Codsall Arts Festival

# STEINWAY CONCERT GRAND COMING TO CODSALL FOR FREDDY KEMPF RECITAL

A **Steinway Concert Grand Model D** will be transported to the stage of Codsall Community High School for a recital by world famous pianist Freddy Kempf, during the 2012 Codsall Arts Festival in March 2012. Weighing 480 kgs, this beautiful piano is 2.74 metres long, comprises 12,000 individual parts and took a year to build. It belongs to The Harding Trust and was acquired in 2011 primarily for the Harding Trust Piano Recital series currently underway at the Forum Theatre, Potteries Museum and Art Gallery, Stoke on Trent. The Harding Trust are kindly sponsoring Freddy Kempf's recital in Codsall on 20 March and this will be the first time their most precious piano has been hired out.

Freddy, though British, now lives near Munich with his Russian (violinist) wife and their 2 year old daughter. He will be flying to Britain especially for this recital in Codsall, in between his concerts in Madrid and Milan and will have to leave for Heathrow straightaway after his performance. Freddy has generously agreed to give a pre-recital interview on stage in Codsall Community High School, with admission for holders of piano recital tickets only, at no charge.

## FREDDY KEMPF PIANO

**20 March Piano Recital 7.30 pm, Codsall Community High School, sponsored by The Harding Trust**

**Ticket holders are invited to an interview with Freddy at 6.15 pm**

Born 1977 in London to a German father and a Japanese mother, Freddy Kempf first performed in public at age four. He captured public attention at eight when he played Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 12, K. 414, with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra at the Royal Festival Hall. In 1987 he won the National Mozart Competition and in 1992 he won the BBC Young Musician of the Year Competition with a memorable performance of Sergei Rachmaninov *Paganini Variations*. His third prize in the 1998 Tchaikovsky International Piano Competition in Moscow established his international career. Freddy performs to sell-out audiences all over the world, with a reputation as an explosive and physical performer not afraid to take risks and a serious, sensitive and profoundly musical artist.



This evening's programme –

Beethoven	Sonata Op. 81a, <i>Les Adieux (The Farewell)</i>
Brahms	16 Waltzes, Op. 39
Chopin	Ballades Nos. 3 and 4
INTERVAL	
Schumann	Etudes Symphoniques

*'Kempf has the maturity and musicality with which to harness his gifts to artistic ends. He has the fearless exuberance of youth. He is prepared to take risks, a readiness that brings spontaneous combustion to his playing; but he has sensitivity, too'.* The Telegraph

**Tickets £10.00 Students £6.00**

**FESTIVAL BOX OFFICES – tickets on general sale 21 FEBRUARY 2012**

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**Codsall Arts Festival 7-24 March 2012**

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