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The Blue Ridge Community College Concert Series moves to Tuesday evenings and begins its 18th season with a performance by Ecuadoran pianist Washington García on September 21 at 7:30 P.M. in Thomas Auditorium. The program will feature works by Haydn, Chopin, Schubert, and Schumann.



Born in Quito, Washington García holds a bachelor's degree from the National Conservatory of Music in Ecuador, and is the youngest Latin American to have received master's and doctoral degrees from the Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University. Dr. García has been an active recitalist, soloist and lecturer throughout his native country, as well as Italy, Switzerland, Austria, France, Spain, Hungary, Canada, Israel, China, Indonesia, Chile, Mexico, and the United States. Dr. García was chosen from a large field of pianists from 33 countries to receive one of two \$25,000 grants awarded by the Kennedy Center in its

Fellowships of the Americas Program. That honor led to performances at such prestigious U.S. venues as the Kennedy Center Terrace Theater and Millennium Stage, the Organization of American States, the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, the Corcoran Gallery of Art, and the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Dr. García has won first prizes at the Guillermo Wright-Vallarino National Piano Competition in Ecuador, the Elizabeth Davis Memorial Piano Competition in Maryland, the International Young Artist Piano Competition in Washington D.C., the Baltimore Music Club Piano Competition, and the Harrison Winter Piano Competition at the Peabody Institute. He was also a top prizewinner at the Yale Gordon Piano Competition and the Russell Wonderlic Piano Competition.

Dr. García is currently Assistant Professor of Piano at Texas State University-San Marcos, where he is the coordinator of the piano department and Founder and Director of the Texas State International Piano Festival. He also teaches at the Austin Chamber Music Festival. He is the recipient of many honors, including the Ecuadorian government prizes Monseñor Leonidas Proaño" and "Al Mérito

Laboral.” Dr. García was also named a Presser Scholar and grant recipient by the Presser Music Foundation. Most recently, he was awarded the Friends of Fine Arts Scholarly/Creative Award by his school’s College of Fine Arts and Communication.

Admission to the concert is \$10, payable at the door; admission for all students is only \$3. Season tickets for the entire series of six concerts are available at \$50. All concerts feature open (non-reserved) seating. Proceeds benefit the College's Community Enrichment Program. Thomas Auditorium is located in the Sink Building on BRCC's Flat Rock campus. For more information please contact Martha Howell at (828) 694-1743, or by email at marthah@blueridge.edu.

The remaining concerts on the series are:

October 19, 2010	SUSAN TANG, pianist
November 16, 2010	IAN HOMINICK, pianist
January 11, 2011	FLUTE RECITAL
February 8, 2011	GUITAR RECITAL
March 22, 2011	FALKO STEINBACH, pianist

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