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## Anton Nel to Host KMFA's Pianoforte

March 10, 2015 (AUSTIN, TX) - Anton Nel, internationally renowned classical pianist and professor of Piano and Chamber music at the University of Texas at Austin's Butler School of Music, will join KMFA 89.5 show *Pianoforte* as a guest host each month. Nel's first show will air on Saturday, March 14, and will include recordings taken from his performance with La Follia Austin Baroque last year, performing Haydn and Mozart Piano Concertos on a period fortepiano.

Nel stated, "I've always had an outstanding relationship with KMFA. In addition to being a first-rate radio station, I greatly admire what they do for the Austin arts community. I'm so happy to join the hosting team for *Pianoforte*. The piano is a large part of my life, obviously, and this is yet another great way to share the wonderful body of literature up close and personal with the listeners."

Nel will cover a wide range of topics, from composer and performer tributes, to piano music of other cultures. Shows will include a mix of live and pre-recorded performances. *Pianoforte* is a locally produced offering of KMFA 89.5; it celebrates the art of the piano and explores the evolution of music written for keyboard. It is hosted by Carmel O'Donovan and produced by Sarah Addison. *Pianoforte* airs on Saturdays at 9 p.m.; with an encore airing on Sundays at 5 p.m.

Anton Nel, winner of the first prize in the 1987 Naumburg International Piano Competition at Carnegie Hall, enjoys a dual career of teaching and performing. He was appointed to faculty of the University of Texas at Austin in his early twenties, followed by professorships at the Eastman School of Music, and the University of Michigan, where he was chairman of the piano department. In September 2000, Anton Nel was appointed as the Priscilla Pond Flawn Regents Professor of Piano and Chamber music at the University of Texas at Austin, where he teaches an international class of students and now heads the Division of Keyboard Studies. He has also been the recipient of two Austin-American Statesman Critics Circle Awards, as well as the University Cooperative Society/College of Fine Arts award for extra-curricular achievement, among his many other international accolades.

Shows slated for the future will include a tribute to pianist Claude Frank who passed away recently, and a feature on Gabriel Faure, comparing his early and late styles. More information about *Pianoforte* can be found on KMFA's website at <http://kmfa.org>.

### **About KMFA Classical 89.5**

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