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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH: Aviram Reichert, piano

A perennial favorite with Music in the Mountains concertgoers, Israeli pianist Aviram Reichert is now in his 12th season with the Festival. As a frequent soloist with all the leading orchestras in his native country, he has performed with the Jerusalem Broadcast Symphony Orchestra, the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, the Haifa Symphony Orchestra, the Israel Chamber Orchestra, the Israel Sinfonietta and the Rishon Lezion Symphony Orchestra.

Reichert won the Bronze Medal at the 10th Van Cliburn International Piano Competition in 1997, only months after he had been awarded the top prize in the First Dong-A International Piano Competition in Seoul, Korea. His earlier accomplishments include top prizes at the 1995 International Music Competition of Japan and the 1995 Epinal Competition in France.

His success in competition has won him engagements for recital and concert tours in the Far East, where he has been earning applause for more than a decade. He has played and recorded with the Tokyo Symphony Orchestra and the Dessau Symphony Orchestra. Recitals in Europe have included the Ruhr and Epinal Music Festivals, Paris, Frankfurt, Lisbon, Milan and Rome as well as at the Kerkules-Saal in Munich, where he elicited an enthusiastic review from Joachim Kaiser in the *Suddeutsche Zeitung*. He also has performed with the major symphony orchestras in South Africa. Other festival performances include the Tokyo Summer Festival, Bear Valley, Steamboat Springs, Ravinia Festival, the Fontana and Gilmore Keyboard festivals.

Reichert is the featured soloist on "A Three-Piano Salute to Mozart," recorded with the Music in the Mountains Festival Orchestra in 2002 under the baton of Maestro Mischa Semanitzky. This unique program traces Mozart's evolving compositional style in Concertos No. 7, 10 and 20.

Reichert is the featured performer with the Festival Orchestra July 25 at Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College. He also appears in Chamber Music concerts July 17 at Durango Mountain Resort and July 30 at The Springs Resort & Spa in Pagosa Springs.

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