

THE MERCURY ENSEMBLE
presents
THE CLEMENTI PIANO FESTIVAL

at
Wells Music Company, 685 S. Broadway, Denver, Colorado
Fifteenth Season, Fall 2009

Performance dates: October 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 24

The Clementi Piano Festival offers piano students an early opportunity to perform some of the core sonatinas and sonatas of the classical period in a manner often seen in those days (Clementi's days)--with accompaniment by one or more orchestral instruments. Although piano solos are complete without accompaniment, it is nevertheless inspiring, instructive, and enjoyable for the pianist to be able to play in concert with a group of fellow musicians.

Muzio Clementi (1752-1832), composer, performer, teacher, music-publisher, piano-manufacturer, wrote a timeless set of piano sonatinas (Op. 36) with which our *Festival* began in 1995. Clementi's name thus became the name of our original series of concerts, and it has been retained even though we have added repertoire from Kuhlau, Beethoven, and Mozart in recent years.

The accompaniments used in *The Clementi Piano Festival* were first written for second-piano, later scored for orchestra by John Branson, Denver pianist and teacher. The orchestra members are professional musicians from The Mercury Ensemble, a leading chamber-orchestra in the Denver metropolitan area. Cellist Wayne Templeman, Artistic Administrator of the Ensemble organizes and directs the *Festival* players, and works closely with the student-soloists in rehearsals and concerts. These (rehearsals and concerts) are open to the public without charge.

Students may select for performance a sonatina or sonata from the following list:

- CLEMENTI: Any Sonatina from Op. 36
Any Sonata from Op. 4 (a.k.a. Sonatinas, Op. 37 and 38)
- KUHLAU: Sonatina, Op. 20, No. 1
Sonatinas, Op. 55, Nos. 1, 2*, 3
- MOZART: Sonata in C Major, K. 545
- BEETHOVEN: Sonatina in G Major
Sonatina in F Major
Sonata, Op. 49, No. 2

See enclosed pages for information on how to take part in the *Festival*. For further information, contact John Branson at (303) 366-2874.

John Branson, Festival Director

Wayne Templeman, Artistic Director

*New repertoire for 2009 Festival.