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PRESS RELEASE

Stop press: Alfred Brendel visits Oxford

Legendary pianist Alfred Brendel returns to Oxford with a pair of extraordinary lecture events investigating and interpreting classical music. It is becoming increasingly rare to hear Brendel perform since his retirement from concert performances in 2008, and we are told this will be the last lecture series at which he will play.

On February 15th at 5.30pm, Brendel will host a masterclass at the Holywell Music Room. Lasting around two and a half hours he will work with a number of the University's finest piano students to hone their technique and allow some insight into the talents of one of the world's most celebrated players. Tickets for this event are extremely limited so early booking is recommended.

February 24th at 7.30pm sees us in the Sheldonian Theatre as he explores Liszt's legacy at the close of his bicentenary. In 'Genius of Expression' Mr Brendel will offer his personal view of the composer celebrated by his contemporaries as perhaps the greatest pianist of all time. This lecture will include complete performances of several Liszt pieces.

Illustrating his thoughts at the piano these events are a very rare opportunity to hear a musical legend's own view of classical music, its role in his life, and ours. Presented in association with the University of Oxford Faculty of Music, these evenings are sure to be popular so make sure you book early!

Tickets for the Holywell masterclass on Wednesday 15 February are priced at £20 and for the lecture at the Sheldonian on Friday 24 February, tickets are priced at £10, £18, £28 and £42. Discounts to both events are available for students (£5 off) and under 18s (half price).

Box office hours are Monday through Friday 9.30am to 5pm. To book please call Music at Oxford on 01865 244806, 24 hour booking is available at www.musicatoxford.com, or you can book in person at The Oxford Playhouse, Beaumont Street, Oxford, OX1 2LW.

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Notes to Editors:

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