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**THE MCGRAW-HILL COMPANIES' YOUNG ARTISTS SHOWCASE ON 96.3 FM WQXR
WITH HOST ROBERT SHERMAN OPENS NEW SEASON WITH
JUILLIARD PIANISTS MICHAEL BUKHMAN AND RAN DANK
ON LIVE CONCERT BROADCAST, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 AT 9 PM,
FROM JUILLIARD'S PAUL HALL**

Pianists are winners of the 2006 Gina Bachauer International Piano Competition

**Juilliard alumnus William Harvey is winner of the fifth annual The McGraw-Hill Companies'
Robert Sherman Award for Music Education and Community Outreach**

On Wednesday, September 13 at 9 PM in Paul Hall, The Juilliard School presents a concert featuring winners of the **2006 Gina Bachauer International Piano Competition**, Juilliard pianists **Michael Bukhman** and **Ran Dank**. The concert will be broadcast live over **96.3 FM WQXR** and opens the new season of **The McGraw-Hill Companies' Young Artists Showcase** with host **Robert Sherman**. Mr. Bukhman performs **Szymanowski's *Tantris le bouffon* from *Masques*, Op. 34** and **Medtner's *Sonata Tragica*, Op. 39, No. 5**. Mr. Dank performs **Rachmaninoff's *Sonata No. 2 in B-flat Minor*, Op. 36**. Messrs. Bukhman and Dank also perform the **Waltz from Arensky's *Suite No. 1 in F Major*, Op. 15** for two pianos.

In addition to the performance, the fifth annual **The McGraw-Hill Companies' Robert Sherman Award for Music Education and Community Outreach** will be awarded to Juilliard alumnus, violinist **William Harvey**. The award includes a \$10,000 grant to support ongoing projects in music education and community outreach. Previous winners have included David Wallace (2002), Tanya Dusevic Witek (2003), Jennifer Kloetzel (2004), and Alpin Hong (2005).

No tickets are required for this FREE concert. For further information, call the Juilliard Box Office at (212) 769-7406. Box Office hours are Monday through Friday from 11 AM – 6 PM. Juilliard's Paul Hall is located at 60 Lincoln Center Plaza (65th Street west of Broadway).

The Bachauer competition awards these young artists, in addition to this performance, scholarships to The Juilliard School, covering full tuition for the 2006-07 academic year. The Gina Bachauer Scholarship Fund for gifted pianists was established in 1979 with a bequest from Mrs. Lillian Rogers of New Orleans, a lifelong friend of Ms. Bachauer, who died in 1976. Bachauer winners include William Chen, Ching-Wen Hsiao, Soyeon Lee, Adam Neiman, Ian Parker, Edward Robie, Konstantin Soukhovetski, Chuan Qin, Xun Wang, Orion Weiss, and Xiang Zou.

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Michael Bukhman, age 22, was born in Azerbaijan and moved to Israel at the age of six. It was in Israel that he began his professional piano studies. Since 1998, he has resided in Houston, Texas, where he attended the High School for the Performing and Visual Arts. He continued his studies with Robert Shannon, professor of piano at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music. Mr. Bukhman recently won first prize at the 36th Corpus Christi International Competition for Piano and Strings. He also received the Rudolf Serkin prize for best sophomore at Oberlin and was a winner of Oberlin's Concerto Competition. He was the first in Oberlin's history to graduate with honors in piano performance with his bachelor of music degree. Mr. Bukhman has performed with the Houston Youth Symphony and the Clear Lake Symphony. He is currently attending Juilliard as a master of music student of Robert McDonald.

Ran Dank was born in Israel in 1982. He began playing piano at the age of seven with Yaakov Krantz. He continued his studies with Liora Peleg at the Givaataim Conservatory and from 1994 until 2002, he studied with Vadim Monastirsky of the Jerusalem Academy of Music and Dance. He received his bachelor of arts degree in music in 2005 from the Tel Aviv Rubin Academy of Music, where he was a student of Emanuel Krasovsky. He has given recitals in the United States and in Europe and has performed as a soloist with the Juilliard Orchestra, the Rishon LeZion Symphonic Orchestra, the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, and the Ra'anana Symphony Orchestra. He is studying for his master of music degree with Emanuel Ax and Joseph Kalichstein at Juilliard.

Juilliard alumnus, violinist **William Harvey**, has soloed with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra and given many recitals in the Midwest and in New York. He frequently plays the 20th-century repertoire for unaccompanied violin, including works by Babbitt, Boulez, Schnabel, and Sessions. Mr. Harvey is the founder and director of Music for the People (www.musicforthepeople.org), an organization that sends young classical musicians around the world on missions of cultural diplomacy. Recent projects include music workshops for AIDS orphans in Zimbabwe; master classes for music students and concerts for tribal communities in the Philippines; recitals and master classes in Tunisia; and concerts in Moldovan villages, where Music for the People worked with UNICEF to advance literacy by providing books to children. His 43 compositions have received a total of 95 performances. Mr. Harvey earned a bachelor of music degree with highest distinction from Indiana University, where he studied violin with Mimi Zweig. He holds a master of music degree from Juilliard, where he studied violin with Ronald Copes and composition with Samuel Adler. Mr. Harvey was recently appointed interim concertmaster for the Spokane, WA Symphony.

The **McGraw-Hill Companies' Young Artists Showcase** is a weekly program hosted by Robert Sherman and spotlights some of the country's finest rising young artists in recent performances. Harold McGraw III, chairman, president and CEO of The McGraw-Hill Companies, is the intermission speaker. **The McGraw-Hill Companies** is a leading global information services provider meeting worldwide needs in the financial services, education and business information markets through leading brands such as Standard & Poor's, McGraw-Hill Education, BusinessWeek, and J.D. Power and Associates. The Corporation has more than 290 offices in 38 countries. Additional information is available at <http://www.mcgraw-hill.com>.

The Juilliard School established this country's standard for education in the performing arts, beginning with music in 1905. In 1951, its Dance Division was established, with combined training in contemporary and ballet technique. Juilliard became part of Lincoln Center in 1968, and added a four-year Drama program. In 2001, Juilliard broke new ground with its first jazz program, now expanded and including advanced and college curricula. More than 800 young artists, from 43 states and 43 foreign countries, attend Juilliard; among its celebrated alumni are Pina Bausch, Van Cliburn, James Conlon, Miles Davis, Renée Fleming, Kevin Kline, Laura Linney Lar Lubovitch, Patti LuPone, Yo-Yo Ma, Wynton Marsalis, Itzhak Perlman, Leontyne Price, Leonard Slatkin, Kevin Spacey, Paul Taylor, Robin Williams, and many others. For more information, visit Juilliard's Web site at www.juilliard.edu.

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