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PRESS RELEASE

Applications now available for DeBose National Piano Competition

BATON ROUGE – The DeBose National Piano Competition is now accepting applications for Elementary and Secondary youth to compete in the 2010 competition. The competition will be held on Saturday, April 10 in the DeBose Music Building, Elton C. Harrison Dr., on the Southern University campus.

The competition, which will be featured as part of the organizations 35th Anniversary Celebration, is open to all Pre-College students currently registered with a piano teacher or studio and international students enrolled in the United States. Contestants can register to compete on the levels of Standard, Late-Starter or Accelerated.

To participate, contestants must submit a registration form through his or her piano teacher with the registration fee of \$35 to: The DeBose National Piano Competition, Southern University, Post Office Box 11153, Baton Rouge, LA, 70813.

Applications can be downloaded at www.debosenationalpiano.competition.org.

All registration information must be postmarked by March 1. Confirmations may be sent via email or U.S. Mail on receipt of registration and fee. The registration fee will be non-refundable after March 15.

Applications will be accepted after March 1 but will be subject to a late fee charge of \$1 per day from March 1 to the date of the postmarked date.

The competition is also open to non-competing teacher studios and student musicians with limited or no prior competition experience. Non-competing status requires adherence to all regulations regarding registration and performance procedures.

The DeBose program, which was established at Southern University's Baton Rouge campus in 1974, is an annual Fine Arts Series presented by the DeBose Foundation, Inc. and Southern's Department of Visual and Performing Arts. The program honors the legacy of the university's former Music Division Chairman and professor Tourgee DeBose.

As an innovative pioneer, DeBose motivated students and arts devotees for more than three decades; providing music education for Louisiana's first African American teachers and professional artists. Throughout Louisiana and major cultural centers in the Southern region, his prodigious career exemplified intense discipline and scholarship in pursuit of artistic excellence.

The College and Young Artist Division of the DeBose National Piano Competition will resume in 2011.

For more information about the DeBose National Piano Competition, visit www.debosenationalpiano.competition.org or contact Myrtle David, Executive Director at 225.387.5932 or Regina N. Thomas, Administrative Coordinator at 225.771.3440.

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