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**DVD of Jim Litzelman Piano Concert Available**

A DVD of the Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> piano concert by former Ste. Marie resident, Jim Litzelman, is now for sale by the Sainte Marie Foundation. Litzelman presented the concert at St. Mary's Church, Ste. Marie, as a benefit for the Foundation, playing works of Beethoven, Chopin, Liszt and Brahms. Nearly 400 people attended, filling the church.

“Even those who attended the concert will enjoy this DVD,” says Annette Lynch, the videographer, “because it shows close-up views of Jim’s hand movements from various camera angles, something an audience member could not see from his/her seat in the church. Also, the camera sweeps across the audience several times during the event and also films the reception following the concert.”

The DVD also includes an interview with Litzelman about how he prepared for the concert (“six to eight practice hours per day for months”) and how he developed his skills while growing up in the Ste. Marie area. Other interviews are with Sandy Clark Nichols, his piano teacher in high school; with Eufala Bigard, one of his elementary school teachers; and with his parents, Don and Christine Litzelman of rural Ste. Marie.

Litzelman is presently director of the graduate program in piano pedagogy at Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. He attended Newton Community High School and Eastern Illinois University where he received a degree in music (piano performance) in 1984. He then entered Catholic University for graduate work and became a faculty member in 1993.

The DVDs costs \$20 if picked up at the Sainte Marie State Bank. If mailing is required, send a \$25 check to Sainte Marie Foundation, PO Box 186, Ste. Marie, IL 62459, and the DVD will be mailed to you.

The Sainte Marie Foundation, founded in 2007, is incorporated as an Illinois not-for-profit, founded exclusively for charitable purposes and dedicated to the improvement and historical preservation of Ste. Marie.

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