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UST HOSTS 18TH ANNUAL PIANO CAMP FOR AREA CHILDREN

HOUSTON (June 1, 2006)—The University of St. Thomas will host the Houston Piano Camp for the 18th year, offering area students experienced instruction for a great price.

Young piano students grades three through 12 and of all skill levels are invited to UST's Cullen Hall, Monday-Friday mornings from 9 a.m.- noon, June 19-23, for individual and group piano instruction, "hands-on" experience with the harpsichord and other keyboard instruments. Camp students will explore a variety of music through group activities and will be led on a musical journey of the keyboard and in the series *Composer*.

Priced at $125, the camp is a true value compared to other summer piano camps held at Houston universities, camp founder and director, Paul Krystofiak said.

"This is our outreach to the Houston young piano community as the fee does not cover all costs and much is donated, so basically every participant has a scholarship," he said.

Krystofiak has served on the faculty of the University of St. Thomas since 1986 and holds degrees in piano performance and piano pedagogy on the graduate level. He also brings to the camp expertise from his studies abroad. Krystofiak has served seven terms as president of the Houston Music Teachers Association and was honored by HMTA, receiving its Service Award and "Teacher of the Year" in 1993. He was also recognized as "Faculty Advisor of the Year" for his guidance with the UST chapter of the music fraternity Gamma Tau.

Enrollment is limited to space and time considerations. To register for the camp, or for more information call 713-525-3566 or 713-494-3129.

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