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## Instrumental Move



Organizers of the Baroque on Beaver Music Festival are on the move again. This time instead of moving chairs, risers, sound equipment or even the occasional church alter, the Association's brawn will be moving a 9

foot concert grand piano. The piano, a refurbished 1916 Mason & Hamlin concert grand, is topping out at 1000-1200 lbs. The piano was recently acquired by the Association thanks to the generosity of a number of Island donors.

Concert grand pianos are more difficult to move than household furniture. They are unwieldy instruments with delicate parts. Thanks to a grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, Baroque movers and shakers will have an easier time transporting their Mason & Hamlin during the Baroque Festival (July 28 through August 6). The \$8000 CCCF award is assisting with the purchase of piano moving equipment, including a specially fitted trailer.

Says BICAA Board chair Frank D'Andraia, "We are very grateful to the Charlevoix County Community Foundation for their continued support of the BI Cultural Arts Association. CCCF's current and past awards help ensure BICAA's pre-eminence as a cultural arts organization and support the signature events of the Association's focus, such as the Baroque on Beaver Festival. Moreover CCCF's most recent grant makes moving the BICAA piano much safer for our crew and helps protect our instrument."

The piano, which was shipped from New York in April, is currently in storage in Traverse City. In late May the Association plans to move the piano to Charlevoix where it will be placed aboard a BIBCO Ferry for transit to Beaver Island. Bill Schneider, the former head of Piano Technology at Michigan State University and a member of the BICAA Board of Directors, will oversee the move.

The concert grand piano makes its Beaver Island debut on July 15 when one of the great pianist of our time, Garrick Ohlsson, travels to Beaver Island to perform. Tickets for Ohlsson's piano recital are now available from the Beaver Island Community Center. Mr. Ohlsson has graciously agreed to allow on stage seating during his performance, which will make the debut of the piano and the program all the more unique and memorable.

## **ABOUT THE CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation is a local charitable organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for all citizens of Charlevoix County (MI) by building permanent endowments, addressing needs through grantmaking, and providing leadership resources to serve the community. More information about the Charlevoix County Community Foundation may be found at [www.c3f.org](http://www.c3f.org) or by calling 231-536-2440

### **ABOUT THE BEAVER ISLAND CULTURAL ARTS ASSOCIATION**

The Beaver Island Cultural Arts Association was formalized as a 501c3 corporation in 2006. BICAA's mission is "To serve the Beaver Island community by promoting and supporting the cultural arts, including the annual Baroque on Beaver Festival." For information about BICAA, please see: <http://bicaa.org/> or by calling 888-511-5189. ###END###