

George Winston

George Winston, piano

Holiday Concert

Sunday, December 20, 2009, 7 pm | Orchestra Hall

Tonight's program will be announced from the stage.
There will be one intermission.

Folk piano icon **George Winston**, a Twin Cities favorite since 1981, has performed annual holiday concerts at Orchestra Hall for more than a decade. His recent projects include the album *Gulf Coast Blues & Impressions*, which benefits Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts, and the forthcoming CD *Love Will Come*, which features Winston's interpretation of music by Vince Guaraldi.

Winston grew up listening to the radio in Montana during the late 1950s—the heyday of rock and R&B artists Floyd Cramer, the Ventures, King Curtis and Booker T and the MGs, among others. His melodic impressionist style draws from those legendary influences, as well as from North American folk music and stride piano technique. He has released 11 solo piano CDs, including *Remembrance—A Memorial Benefit*, a six-song disc with proceeds benefiting victims of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001; and the Grammy Award-winning album *Forest*.

In addition to performing piano concerts, Winston gives solo guitar and harmonica concerts. In 1983 he founded Dancing Cat Records, which has subsequently released more than three dozen albums, many featuring Hawaiian slack key guitar masters. He has recorded soundtracks for audio children's books narrated by Meryl Streep, Danny Glover and Lily Tomlin, and has



performed music by Vince Guaraldi for the animated film *This Is America, Charlie Brown*. For more information, visit georgewinston.com.

George Winston is making a generous donation to **Hunger Solutions Minnesota** in connection with tonight's concert, and thanks you for your support as well.