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CMU Professor of Music having national impact on the arts

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Houle honors student with a festival award.

Grand Junction - Colorado Mesa University Professor of Music Arthur Houle, DMA, recently learned he was the latest recipient of the prestigious Steinway & Sons Top Teacher recognition — an honor to be bestowed during the upcoming Festival for Creative Pianists, an annual event Houle founded in 2001.

"I've never been one to think much about awards because I believe when we focus efforts on students, and work to foster their development in music, the rest will take care of itself," said Houle. "I'm honored nonetheless and excited about the potential for this award to bring even more participation to the festival."

The Festival for Creative Pianists will take place June 5-8, 2019 in Denver, Colorado. The event includes nearly 50 prizes, numerous performances and professional workshops.

CMU's Head of Department of Music Calvin Hofer said that "CMU has tremendously talented and distinguished faculty in the university's music programs. Dr. Houle is representative of our faculty whose national reputations and influences serve students in unique ways. The festival Dr. Houle founded is one such example."

Houle is a professor of music and director of keyboard studies at Colorado Mesa University where his commitment to teaching and contributions to the teaching profession have earned him commendations. His published works include original compositions and a groundbreaking scholarly edition of an important pedagogical work for students and professional musicians. Houle has received a number of exemplary faculty awards and has performed at Carnegie Recital Hall as well as twice on NPR's long-running Eklektikos program.

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