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WILLIAM KAPELL
 INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION & FESTIVAL

NOTES FROM NING AN,
 THE 2003 KAPELL COMPETITION'S FIRST PRIZE WINNER



Ning An

Since winning the top prize at the 2003 William Kapell International Piano Competition, Ning An's career has been something worth following. Already having placed in the Queen Elizabeth Competition and having been presented by the Chopin Foundation of the United States in an all-Chopin program at Carnegie Hall, Mr. An has since placed in the Cleveland International Piano Competition and was the first prize winner in the 2006 Tivoli International Piano Competition in Denmark.

Currently artist-in-residence at Lee University in Tennessee, Mr. An enjoys a notable career as a soloist and as a collaborative pianist with his wife, pianist Gloria Chien, who is also on faculty at Lee University (Kapell patrons may remember that Ms. Chien accompanied Mr. An during the 2003 Competition's semi-final rounds). Mr. An's upcoming appearances include performances in China in July; performances in Denmark in August, including a performance with the Copenhagen Symphony Orchestra; and concerto performances in Poland and the US in September and October.

In a recent conversation with Kapell Competition staff, Ning An reaffirmed the important role the Kapell played in his career:

"The William Kapell Competition was a wonderful experience for me. The organization was first rate and the press coverage was excellent. The opportunity to play with the Baltimore Symphony was an added bonus. Winning the top prize helped boost my career and it was an experience that I shall always remember with great joy."

*For more information on Ning An and his upcoming performances,
 please visit www.ninganpiano.com.*

*Downloadable, high-resolution photos are available at
www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu/kapell.*