

17 Gauss Way Berkeley, CA 94720-5070 p: 510.642.0143 f: 510.642.8609 www.msri.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE September 7, 2006

Media Advisory

Contact: Anne Brooks Pfister

510.642.0448

One is One and All Alone: Solo Music by Bach

The Math of Music scores highly with a Series of Bach solo recitals

BERKELEY, California – The **Mathematical Sciences Research Institute (MSRI)** today announced a series of free public recitals "Mathematics + Music" to promote math's often unacknowledged contribution to music and art.

The public is invited to attend a special event on Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2006 that launches the concerts series, *One is One and All Alone*, in the new Simons Auditorium at MSRI. The first of three recitals of the solo music of J. S. Bach begins with harpsichordist Davitt Moroney playing selections from *The Art of Fugue*. The recital will be followed by a conversation on "Bach, Mathematics, Art and Music." A reception with the artists at 5:30 pm precedes the concert, which starts at 6:00 pm followed by the discussion at 7:00 pm. Free admission.

The math of music has previously been explored in MSRI's presentations of on-stage discussions with an array of accomplished musicians—from classical to alternative—including composer Philip Glass and pianist Christopher Taylor, speaking with moderator and mathematician Bob Osserman. The Bach recitals continue on October 23, 2006 at 5:30 pm with *Sonatas and Partitas for Solo Violin*, Elizabeth Blumenstock, Baroque violin, and on January 18, 2007 at 5:30 pm *Suites for Solo Cello*, Tanya Tomkins, Baroque cello.

What: "The Art of Fugue" in math, music, and art - concert & discussion

Who: Harpsichordist Davitt Moroney, printmaker Elizabeth Harington, and mathematician Robert Osserman

Why: To explore math's influence on culture

When: Wednesday, September 13, 2006, 5:30 p.m.

Where: In Chern Hall's Simons Auditorium at the Mathematical Sciences Research Institute at 17 Gauss Way (near the intersection of Centennial Drive and Grizzly Peak Blvd.), Berkeley, CA 94720; see http://www.msri.org/about/directions/index_html

How: Free!

See info at: http://www.msri.org/calendar/specialevents/SpecialEventInfo/247/show_specialevent

The Mathematical Sciences Research Institute (MSRI) is one of the world's premiere centers for research in the mathematical sciences, and has been advancing mathematical research through workshops and conferences since its founding as an independent institute in 1982. More than 1,500 mathematical scientists visit MSRI each year in Berkeley, CA, many for stays for up to one year. The Institute has been funded primarily by the National Science Foundation with additional support from other government agencies, private foundations, academic and corporate sponsors, and individual donors.