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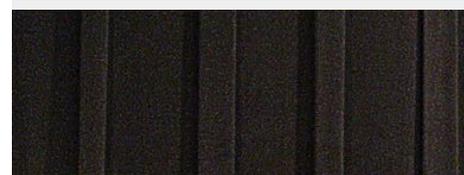
Two-time Grammy winner appears in Brooklyn recital

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Sellout crowds packed the Classic Pianos Recital Hall in the Brooklyn neighborhood on August 28 and 29 for performances by two-time Grammy-winning jazz pianist Alan Broadbent.

Each performance by the New Zealand native comprised 45-minute sets, drawing standing ovations from 120 guests. The concerts were part of a series curated by George Fendel, a 26-year veteran of jazz radio, including the local KHMD/FM, and Past President of the Jazz Society of Oregon.

Fendel has been curating his concert series for two years, bringing 4-6 artists to Classic Pianos annually. About Broadbent, he said, "Alan is a brilliant jazz player of long standing. He's very



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orchestral in nature â€“ when he plays, you’re hearing the whole orchestra in the background.”

Broadbent, who won Grammys for his renditions of “Lonely Town” and “When I Fall In Love” (with Natalie Cole), hinted at the secret of his art when he said, “For me it’s not about style but about feeling. Timing is my thing. I feel as if I’m creating tension with time, stretching time like a rubber band.”

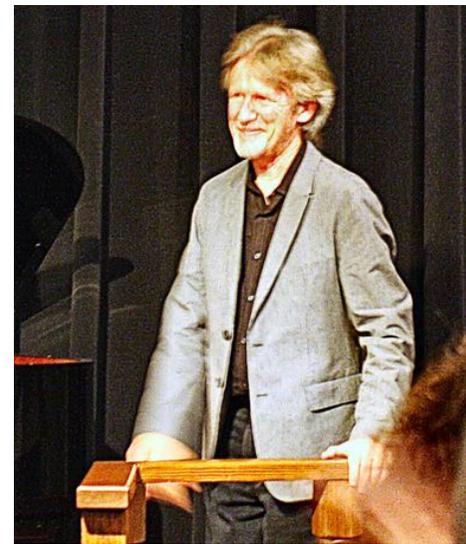
Classic Pianos owner Maurice Unis expressed delight at hosting both Broadbent and the Fendel series. He remarked, “We created this concert space for piano teachers to hold recitals. Partnering with George, who is an icon in the Portland music community, brings top-notch guests here.”

The second night of Broadbent’s engagement held special significance to Fendel â€“ the performance was in celebration of Fendel’s 70th birthday!

“I’m glad to be here,” Fendel smiled. “For my birthday I get to hang out with my music hero and friend. When [my wife] Laurie asked me what I wanted for my 70th, it was a no-brainer. Wherever Alan Broadbent is playing is where I want to be.”

On stage, Broadbent quipped, “Happy Birthday, George. You’re making me feel like a rock star. By the way, it’s Charlie Parker’s birthday today, too. How’s that for luck?”

Future concerts at Classic Pianos are listed online at: [HYPERLINK "http://www.classicportland.com/community/event-calendar"](http://www.classicportland.com/community/event-calendar)
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by: PETER KORCHNAK - Grammy-winning jazz pianist Alan Broadbent thanks the audience after his August 29th concert at Brooklyn's Classic Pianos Recital Hall.



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