

Local to perform at Grand Opera House

Sneak peek piano concert by Isadar presented May 11



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CROWLEY - Pianist

Isadar will perform selections from his upcoming new CD "Reconstruction" at the Grand Opera House on Friday May 11.

This pre-release special concert for the launch of his new solo piano CD for the Acadiana area will be filmed and recorded.

Born and reared in South Louisiana, Fabian Isadar Thibodeaux played the piano "by ear" as a young child before beginning formal piano studies at the age of five. He won many awards in local competitions as he continued his studies. In his teens, he began songwriting. A graduate of University of Louisiana, he began to professionally record his compositions while still a



Fabian Isadar
Thibodeaux

student.

As a solo pianist, he recorded his 1990 debut "Near the Edge of Light." In the early 90's, he concentrated on writing pop music to help finance his more artistic work.

Relocating to New York City in 1993, he continued to pursue his music and recording efforts. His big break came when an advertising firm hired him to create the soundtrack for a Ralph Lauren "Safari" TV ad. Not only did he record original music, he began to create mechanical reproductions of his piano recordings for playback in Yamaha Disklavier player-pianos.

Isadar's interest in mechanically re-produced music further developed into creating sound recordings of Regina, Polyphon, Symphonion, Troubadour and Kalliope antique music boxes.

He maintains his residence in New York City where he continues to write, record and make music videos of his work. Currently, he is a manager within Sony Music Entertainment's department of Vault and Archives.

Tickets are available through the Opera House by calling 785-0440 or online at www.thegrandoperahouse.org. Prices range from \$10 to \$25. Don't miss this opportunity to see an Acadiana pianist who doesn't perform frequently.