



May 2009

**Hope you had a great Mother's Day!** I am thankful for all of you who gave me feedback on the photos for my upcoming new album, *Spirit Touch*. I was amazed at how many people replied and all the different comments I received. It was very helpful! And now I am very happy to unveil the new cover. Click on the link below to see it and please let me know what you think.

<http://www.josephakins.com/images/spirittouchcover.jpg>

**Benefit concert!** During Friday before Easter, a tornado swept through Murfreesboro (where I live) demolishing over 100 homes, and damaging over 700 others. Two fatalities happened in my neighborhood. Fortunately, our home was untouched. To help those that were hurt, I will be doing a United Way sponsored piano concert with [Philip Wesley](#) next Sunday (May the 17<sup>th</sup>) at 2:00 in Murfreesboro. Please click on the link below to see the poster with more information. If you can't go to the concert, but would like to give a donation, send a check to my address (see below) or use paypal and I will put it in the collection for United Way. Let me know it is for the Murfreesboro Good Friday Tornado Relief Concert. We are suggesting a \$10 donation. I will give you a verbal thanks at the concert.

<http://www.josephakins.com/images/UnitedWayBenefitSmall.jpg>

**Charity for Alzheimers!** The album "Relaxing Piano Artists", which includes two tracks from Masterpeace, hit number 1 on iTunes last month! All proceeds go to the Alzheimer's Association. You can get it here.

<http://tinyurl.com/cnyoa3>

### **Upcoming Concerts Scheduled for Atlanta, Nashville, Seattle and Portland!**

**6/06/2009 - 10:00 AM - Piano Workshop on Improvisation & Composition**  
[PianoWorks](#), 2805 Buford Hwy, Duluth, GA 30096 (**Atlanta area**) Tickets \$10. To purchase, call 1-800-838-3006 or go to [Brown Paper Tickets](#) to purchase online. [See the poster.](#)

**6/06/2009 - 7:00 AM - Piano Concert with Joseph Akins & Stanton Lanier**  
[PianoWorks](#), 2805 Buford Hwy, Duluth, GA 30096 (**Atlanta area**) Tickets \$10. To purchase, call 1-800-838-3006 or go to [Brown Paper Tickets](#) to purchase online. [See the poster.](#)

**9/25/2009 - 8:00 PM - Whisperings Solo Piano Concert** [The Sound Kitchen](#), 112

Seaboard Lane, Franklin, TN 37067 (**Nashville area**) I will be performing with legendary pianist/composer [David Lanz](#), Whisperings founder [David Nevue](#), and pianist/composer [Philip Wesley](#). Tickets are \$25 adult and \$15 student. To purchase tickets, call 1-800-838-3006 or go to [Brown Paper Tickets](#) to purchase online.

**9/26/2009 - 7:00 PM - Whisperings Solo Piano Concert** [The Roswell Cultural Arts Center](#), 950 Forrest Street, Roswell, GA 30075 (**Atlanta area**) I will be performing with legendary pianist/composer [David Lanz](#), Whisperings founder [David Nevue](#), and Pianist of Peace [Stanton Lanier](#). Tickets are \$25 adult and \$15 student. To purchase tickets, call 1-800-838-3006 or go to [Brown Paper Tickets](#) to purchase online.

**10/17/2009 - 7:00 PM - Solo Piano Concert** [Classic Pianos](#), 3003 SE Milwaukie Ave, **Portland, OR 97202** I will be performing with pianist/composer [Patricia Jean Labat](#), in this intimate 80-seat concert. Tickets will be on sale soon!

**10/18/2009 - 7:00 PM - Piano Haven Concert Series** [Piano Haven](#), **Seattle WA** I will be performing with pianist/composer [Rebecca Oswald](#), in this intimate 40-seat house concert hosted by [Joe Bongiorno](#). Tickets will be on sale soon!

I am looking for more opportunities to perform in the Pacific NW in October and possibly Utah in November. I am planning on returning to Arizona and Southern CA in November or January.

All the very best to you, Joseph Akins  
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