

## **2016 Distinguished Alumnus – Dr. Paul Barnes**

Praised by the New York Times for his “Lisztian thunder and deft fluidity,” and the San Francisco Chronicle as “ferociously virtuosic,” pianist Paul Barnes has electrified audiences with his intensely expressive playing and cutting edge programming. He has been featured four times on APM’s Performance Today and on the cover of Clavier Magazine and his recordings are broadcast worldwide. He has performed in England, China, Korea, Taiwan, Austria, Russia, Greece, Italy, Serbia, Hungary, and in all major cities throughout the US. Dr. Barnes is Marguerite Scribante Professor of Music at the Univ. of Nebraska-Lincoln Glenn Korff School of Music. He teaches during the summer at the Vienna International Piano Academy and the Amalfi Coast Festival in Italy. Barnes also serves as head chanter at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Lincoln where his devotion to Byzantine chant has led to many commissioned works based on byzantine chant. These include Victoria Bond’s piano concerto hymn and Ivan Moody’s piano quintet *Nocturne of Light* featuring the venerable Greek Orthodox hymn “Christos Anesti-Christ is Risen.”

Dr. Barnes twelfth CD *New Generations: The New Etudes of Philip Glass and Music of the Next Generation* was released in November 2015. Produced by Glass’s label orange Mountain Music, the recording features a selection of Glass’s etudes juxtaposed with works by N. Lincoln Hanks, Lucas Floyd, Jason Bahr, Zack Stanton and Jonah Gallagher. The sonic result is a breathtaking panorama of the energetic and expressive landscape that is twenty-first century piano music. His recordings are available on Pandora, iTunes, YouTube and Amazon. He is a graduate and salutatorian of Elida High School Class of 1980.

