



Classical Concert Series 2007, featuring Kimberly Cann

Royal Plantation's Classical Concert Series for 2007 commenced with one of the most spectacular recitals ever witnessed live on the North Coast. The setting may well have been Carnegie Hall. Internationally known concert pianist, Kimberly Cann, entered Royal Plantation's drawing room and transported her audience outside of the realms of their earthly confines with dramatic and riveting renditions of pieces like, *Sonata in B-flat minor, Op. 36*, composed in 1931 by the incomparable Sergei Rachmaninoff, and *Partita in B-flat* created by Johann Sebastian Bach.

"I never believed that the piano was capable of those sounds," said piano expert and technician, Johnny O'Brien. She was powerful yet elegant as she brought her audience to their feet in a standing ovation. "Kimberly came highly recommended by Johnny O'Brien, the Steinway expert, and she really brought it home with a masterful display of poise and skill." noted General Manager Peter Fraser.



An avid supporter of classical music, the General Manager continued by saying, "everything centers and happens in Kingston and we felt like we needed to bring this kind of entertainment home. The fundamental concept is to 'let music live' in the Parish of St. Ann, particularly in the classical form," he explained. "This is something we definitely want to continue every quarter," he added.

Miss Cann was also in awe of the response she got from her audience at Royal Plantation. "I've played in many different venues around the world and on many pianos. It surprised me, then, to find that I was speechless upon arriving at Royal Plantation. Not only was the setting spectacularly beautiful, the attention to detail impeccable, and the dining utterly delectable. The grand old 1879 Steinway piano (already the best line of pianos in the world) has been beautifully restored and maintained by Johnny O'Brien, and it felt like Heaven. I only hope that my audience enjoyed its musical product as much as I did. I would gladly play there every week!" she exclaimed.

The Classical Concert Series is ongoing and is open to the public at a minimal charge of US\$25.00 per person. After each concert, guests are treated to an elegant wine and cheese reception on the Rose Garden Terrace.