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## **MARKET HALL** **PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE**

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MEDIA RELEASE

**Ever wanted to play a Concert Grand Piano?**

**Market Hall's Grand Piano Marathon is your chance!**

### **What:**

Thanks to our marathon sponsor, **The Best of Hearing Centre**, for only \$30 an hour, you can play the Kawartha Jazz Society's Concert Grand Piano on the Market Hall stage, to your hearts content – whoever you are, whatever your age or talent, whatever your style of music.

Make it a sing-along, turn it into your regular lesson, practice for an upcoming exam or festival, make it a romantic proposal, or just do it for you.....We've had octogenarian grandmothers, professional musicians, High School classes supporting a class mate and a birthday surprise. What will you make of your hour?

### **When:**

The marathon will run from 9am to 9pm each day of **23rd to 24<sup>th</sup> May 2007**. You will be able to reserve one-hour time slots. You can use this time in whatever way you choose: a group lesson, individual practice times or even a mini recital. Invite all your friends and family, bring a video camera or enjoy the Hall's acoustics and ambience alone.

### **Why:**

The Past President of Market Hall, Charlie Werger, heard about the world's longest performance of a piece of music and it caught his imagination. It began at midnight on September 5, 2001 in a small German town - and will last a staggering 639 years! The sole item on the programme is an organ composition by the revolutionary American composer John Cage (1912-1992), entitled Organ2/ASLSP. It was originally a piece for piano lasting just 20 minutes and entitled ASLSP (As Slow As Possible), but the organisers of the concert decided to take the American composer John Cage quite literally.

“So, while they are not aiming for 639 years of music in the Hall we are hoping for two full days of continuous playing.” says Karen August, General Manager of the Hall

Contact **Karen August** at **749-1146** or email **karen@markethall.org** to reserve your timeslot, but hurry, as the schedule is filling up.

Market Hall is a not-for-profit charitable organization that works to develop, nurture and sustain the performing arts in Peterborough's historic Market Hall.

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