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“Worlds Together” Afraaz Mulji (piano) Halifax Debut with works ranging from Classical Romance to Baroque Counterpoint.

Halifax, NS – Young globetrotting Tanzanian phenomenon Afraaz Mulji has lived, studied and performed all over the world. In his Halifax debut, he performs an eclectic piano fusion program showcasing his range, imagination, originality and technical prowess. A versatile multi-instrumentalist musician and composer, Mulji brings together a world of works ranging from jazz standards to lush classical romance to baroque counterpoint.

Mulji will be appearing in the Lilian Piercy Concert Hall on Saturday, June 17th at 7:00 pm within the Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts, 6199 Chebucto Road in Halifax. During his Halifax debut, he will perform interpretations & variations of Bach, Beethoven, Schoenberg, Tatum, Gershwin, Mozart, Cage and Glass. Tickets available are \$25 and available at ceciliaconcert.ca.

At only 18, Afraaz Mulji has the wisdom and drive of someone much older. Mulji began travelling the world on his own at 13 years old and his travels through Africa, India and Europe brought him to Lunenburg, which he now calls home. His recent performances garnered glowing praise *"His prodigious technique and playing style evoke the playing of Glenn Gould, Dave Brubeck, Chick Corea and Bill Evans. Combine all that with Afraaz's signature boundary pushing rhythmic, melodic and harmonic exploration led by his bold and daring imagination, then you have the one of a kind genius that is Afraaz."* Raymond Chow, World renowned Painter, Illustrator, Pianist, Writer and Composer.

Mulji specializes in percussion and keyboard instruments like the organ, but says he can play almost any instrument in the world. Three years ago, Mulji had a highlight in his young musical career, when he had the opportunity to play the pipe organ at the famous Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, France. His performance received a standing ovation.

Afraaz Mulji's journey around the world, has been fueled by his love for music. The young musical phenom recently performed to near sold out audiences at the venerable Lunenburg's St. John Anglican Church. Barbara Butler (Artistic and Managing Director of Musique Royale) says *"Afraaz is a very talented, passionate, determined and hardworking musician with great potential. His ability to synthesize and retain information is at a very high level. Music is in his blood."*

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