

NOTES FROM THE KUERTI KEYBOARD goes into production this week

*Renowned Canadian pianist Anton Kuerti stars in
quirky short film for Bravo!*

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Catbird Productions Inc of Montreal goes into production this Thursday and Friday (May 13 and 14) on **NOTES FROM THE KUERTI KEYBOARD**, a short film featuring a performance of the second movement Scherzo of Beethoven's *Piano Sonata No. 18 in E-Flat Major, Op. 31, No. 3* by **Anton Kuerti**, prolific recording artist and Canada's foremost classical pianist. An artistic music video with a decidedly edgy approach, **NOTES FROM THE KUERTI KEYBOARD** plays on the visual correspondence between an antique typewriter and a grand piano.

The short is co-directed by Toronto-based filmmaker **David Eng** (who is a classically-trained pianist himself) and Montrealer **Katarina Soukup**, whose most recent film is a 2009 documentary about the Montreal Symphony Orchestra's collaboration with Inuit artists during a tour of the Canadian Arctic. Cinematography will be by CSC award-winner **John Tran** (*Waterlife*). The filmmakers are delighted to include a rare antique Underwood typewriter in the film, courtesy of **Martin Howard**, owner of the largest public or private antique typewriter collection in Canada.

Shot on location in Toronto at a professional artist studio and a concert hall, **NOTES FROM THE KUERTI KEYBOARD** will expand the audience for classical music by going beyond the "pretty" side of classical music to the fun, dramatic and unusual. The film will be broadcast on Bravo! and will be screened at major film festivals in Canada and around the world.

Catbird Productions presents **NOTES FROM THE KUERTI KEYBOARD** a film by David Eng & Katarina Soukup; starring Anton Kuerti; written and produced by David Eng & Katarina Soukup; cinematography by John Tran; production design by Rose Lagacé; edited by Joseph Weadick; animation by Goran Simovic; music by Ludwig Van Beethoven; made with the financial support of Bravo!FACT.

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