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2009 Ellis Duo Piano Winner
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JEFFREY SAVAGE & KAREN HSIAO SAVAGE

88² is NFMC's 2009 Ellis Duo Piano Competition winner. The duo is comprised of married pianists Jeffrey Savage and Karen Hsiao Savage, who have individually received top prizes in national and international competitions in Canada and the United States. The duo was also a prizewinner at the Concours Grieg International Piano Competition in Oslo, Norway, in 2006. Both Jeffrey and Karen currently serve on the piano faculty of Washington State University. The duo recently commissioned new two-piano works and premiered the pieces at Weill Recital Hall. Recent recitals by 88² include appearances with the Camerata Musica (WA), the University of Puget Sound's Piano Festival, and the Victoria Conservatory of Music (Canada). Previous performances include New York's Lincoln Center, NYC's Rutgers Church Piano Recital Series, Bowdoin Music Festival, and the Perlman Music Program.

Jeffrey has performed with orchestras in New York, Washington, Colorado, Louisiana, Pennsylvania, Nebraska, and Wyoming. He has performed as soloist and collaborative pianist throughout Asia, including a recent tour of Southeast Asia during which he premiered new works for oboe and piano. His undergraduate degree is from Univ of Colorado; his master and doctoral degrees are from Juilliard. His major teachers include Rudolph Barta, Robert Spillman, Angela Cheng, Martin Canin, Yoheved Kaplinsky.

Karen Hsiao Savage has toured China with the Perlman Music Program, served in residency at the Shanghai Conservatory, and performed in live broadcast from the Shanghai Grand Theater. She has performed community outreach concerts through The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, Gluck Foundation, and Sing for Hope. Karen's degrees are from Juilliard (three), University of Victoria (Canada), and Victoria and Toronto Conservatories. Her major teachers include Yoheved Kaplinsky, Jonathan Feldman, Samuel Sanders, Margo Garrett, Robin Wood, Winifred Wood, and Edward Parker. Visit the duo's website at www.savagepianoduo.com. To secure a performance by 88² contact NFMC's Terry Blair at blair.terry@sbcglobal.net.