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Honoring Rubinstein

RADIO WAVES

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TO celebrate the 100th anniversary of Arthur Rubinstein's birth, classical station WNCN (FM 104.3) will air a special broadcast Thursday night at 9 in honor of the legendary piano virtuoso.

Hosted by Rubinstein's son John — the well-known actor who also composes and conducts — the program will feature works that his father played at Carnegie Hall, including Chopin's Etude in F Minor, which was never released on record.

Also included in the program are recordings of Rubinstein's interpretations of works by Chopin, Albeniz, Debussy and Szymanowski.

Through personal reminiscences by his son, pianist Daniel Barenboim and record producer Jack Pfeiffer, the audience will gain insight into the life of a pianist considered one of the century's greatest.

"My father was a strong personality full of ambition, vanity and determination, but he was always humble before music," said John Rubinstein in an interview. "He would study the heart and the soul of the composers and then play their music. What makes him special is that he wouldn't add his own personal interpretations to attract attention. His music was always straightforward."

Besides playing roles in the CBS series "Crazy Like A Fox," and in the upcoming NBC film "The Two Mrs. Grenvilles," the younger Rubinstein hosts "AT&T Presents Carnegie Hall Tonight" series, which is aired weekly by WNCN.

JOHN RUBINSTEIN
Tribute to father.