CRYSTAL FALLS—Crystal Theatre welcomes world-renown ragtime pianist Bob Milne to the stage for the third time Sunday, Aug. 26, at 2 p.m.

It will be his first time playing the new Steinway concert grand piano gifted to the theatre last year.

Designated a “National Treasure” by the Library of Congress, Milne averages around 250 performances per year.

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His broad repertoire includes classical, ragtime, boogie-woogie, Dixieland and stride piano styles.

Between numbers, he shares his vast knowledge of music in general and details about the lives of the composers he features.

Milne teaches music history at various universities around the country and is the founder and director of the Frankenmuth Ragtime Festival in downstate Michigan.

Last year, he composed the score for the 1924 silent movie, Peter Pan, for the silent movie festival in Olympia, Wash.

“Reviews of Milne’s performances often include the words ‘phenomenal’ and ‘unbelievable’,” says Theatre Manager Charlie Sandstrom.

“It sounds like he plays with more than two hands!” Despite his well-deserved accolades from all over the world, the ever-modest Bob Milne still insists, “I’m just a saloon piano player!”

Advanced tickets for the concert are available for $12 at Ben Franklin’s in Crystal Falls, Central Arts and Gifts and the Iron County Chamber office in Iron River, Steamin’ Joe Coffeehouse in Florence, and the Music Tree in Iron Mountain.

Tickets may also be purchased online at thecrystaltheatre.org or by phoning 875-6867.

Admission at the door is $15 for adults and $5 for youths under 18.