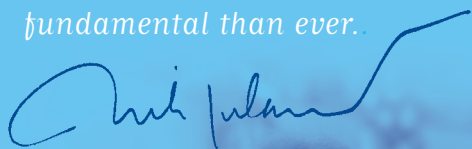




Since I have been the first winner of the Dublin International Piano Competition in 1988, this event is now regarded as one of the most important among the music competitions in the world. I know so many young pianists from all continents who tell me: one day/next year/in four years, I'll apply to the "Dublin..."

Essential to their development and career, as it has been to mine, this competition has also become a major, radiant, popular cultural event in Ireland. In these confused times, your support to it is more fundamental than ever.



Philippe Cassard,  
November 2010



## Join the Friends of the Dublin International Piano Competition

The Dublin International Piano Competition quickly established an enviable reputation for excellence and is now widely regarded as one of the top five classical music competitions in the world. Past winners have made their mark on concert stages everywhere, enjoying successful solo performance careers. Over the years supporters known as Competition Friends have contributed more than €1,000,000, money which has been used to enhance the winners musical experience and to provide opportunities for young Irish pianists to reach the standards of their international peers.

Next year, 2012, marks the 25th anniversary of the Dublin International Piano Competition and, coincidentally, the 50th birthday of the very first winner Philippe Cassard. Philippe has always acknowledged the impact that the Dublin win had on his career and has remained a dedicated ambassador for the event.

**FRIENDS** help us to provide an opportunity for young Irish pianists to reach the standards of their international peers.

**FRIENDS** provide vital funding and encouragement to ensure that the DUBLIN INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION enjoys an enviable worldwide reputation.

**FRIENDS** provide a platform for emerging world-class musical talent.

**FRIENDS** continue to enrich musical life in Ireland.

**FRIENDS** help to ensure the continuation and development of one of Ireland's major musical undertakings.

## Become a Friend

Play your own part in one of Ireland's premier music events.

**Three categories of FRIENDS are available:**

Concerto Friends	€1,500
Sonata Friends	€225
Prelude Friends	€25

## Categories of Friends

### Prelude Friends €25

Open to young people up to 26 years of age who will receive:

- Free entry for two people to the 1st Round of the Competition in the RDS
- Invitation to pre-Competition talk by Artistic Director John O'Connor
- Friends Badge
- Seasonal E-Newsletter

### Sonata Friends €225

Supporters limited to 200 who will receive:

- Free entry to 1st and 2nd Rounds in the RDS for two people
- Complimentary programme
- Publication of name in official programme
- Priority booking for the Semi-Finals and Final
- Invitation to pre-Competition talk by Artistic Director John O'Connor
- Access to Friends Room in the RDS
- Friends Badge
- Seasonal Newsletter

### Concerto Friends €1,500

Limited to 25:

#### TAX

Tax relief is available to Concerto Friends whose names will be acknowledged in the official programme. The Competition qualifies for tax relief under the provision of Section 45 of the 2001 Finance Act.

#### SELF ASSESSED

Self assessed tax payers may claim relief on their donation directly from the Revenue Commissioners on presentation of the Competition's official receipt which will be forwarded to you.

Companies may claim a deduction on donations as if it were a trading expense.

#### PAYE

"Friends" in the PAYE category can maximise their gift by enabling the Competition to claim their tax refund directly from the Revenue Commissioners. This can be done by signing the CHY 2 Certificate Form and returning it with your "Friends" application form and PPS number to the Competition Office.