



# FRIENDS of the SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION of AUSTRALIA



*The Competition is presented in association with the **University of Sydney** and with the co-operation of the **Australian Broadcasting Corporation**, who broadcast the Competition live throughout Australia and worldwide on the internet.*

The first Sydney International Piano Competition was held in 1977 and was an enormous success, leading to immediate accreditation by the Federation of International Music Competitions in Geneva. The success was in no small way assisted by the work of a group of dedicated volunteer music lovers.

The decision to run this Competition every four years meant that there was a need for a group of people who were prepared to promote the ideas of excellence as fostered by the Competition and ensure a continuing interest in it. This led to the formation of the **Friends** of the Sydney International Piano Competition, and a number of the people who assisted in 1977 became founding members of the **Friends**.

Since its inception, the **Friends** have built their membership to over 1,000, with members not only from Sydney but from all over Australia and even from overseas, representing all walks of life. Some serve on the **Friends** Committee, some join the Committee members in participating in the fund-raising events, others volunteer to join supporting groups with specific tasks during the running of the Competition itself. However all provide financial support through their annual membership fee of \$35.

As a financial member, you will receive three Competition Newsletters a year, discounts on all fund-raising musical events and preferential discounted ticketing for the Competition and special arrangements with other presenters—see STOP PRESS below. But, most important of all, you will be supporting one of Australia's most prestigious musical events and helping to promote this country's cultural position to the world at large.

## STOP PRESS

On 18th November 2008 the Sydney International Competition of Australia was the winner of the 2008 Limelight Awards in the category "**Best event or music festival in Australia in 2008**". Voting is by people Australia-wide.

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The Sydney Symphony is proud to offer SIPC members a 20% discount off the International Pianists in Recital series for 2010.

You can hear Francois-Frederic Guy, Garrick Ohlsson, Bernd Glemser and Joyce Yang, celebrate the music of one of the greatest pianist-composers of all time – Chopin. *Quote 2204 when booking your subscription to claim your 20% discount.*

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In 2010 **Sydney Youth Orchestras (SYO)** will offer, **2 Adult tickets for the price of one** for the SYO concert season, for Financial Members of the Friends of SIPCA. When booking tickets on line or over the telephone or in person at the City Recital Hall Angel Place you will need to quote the code **PIANO**. For details of concerts see SYO Website [www.syo.com.au](http://www.syo.com.au)

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The SIPCA Friends' Tour in 2012 will be to the **New York for the Auditions** as well as musical and other cultural highlights. Start saving now - details will be provided later.

### FRIENDS OF THE SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION - MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM 2010

\_\_Renewing Member/s @\$35 each = \$ \_\_ | \_\_New Member/s @\$35 each = \$ \_\_ | \_\_ Student Member/s (up to 18) @ \$20 each = \$ \_\_

\_\_Four-year Membership @ \$140 each = \$ \_\_

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#### PAYMENT OPTIONS:

Attach your Cheque payable to the *Friends of SIPCA*

OR fill in the Credit Card details and send the form to *Friends of SIPCA, 2 Kalang Avenue Killara NSW 2071*