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.

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