

Suzuki Piano Anniversary Concert Cambridge UK

On Sunday 29, June 2008, a “Suzuki Piano Anniversary Concert” was presented at West Road Concert Hall, Cambridge UK. Dedicated to the life and work of Dr Shinichi Suzuki (1898-1998), the concert was organised by Stephen Power and hosted by Cambridge Suzuki Young Musicians.

Performers included 37 Suzuki Piano students age 6-17 from the UK, Germany and the USA, and CSYM’s Arion Chamber Choir.

The celebration of Suzuki Piano included a varied programme of solos, duos and ensembles representing over 500 years of music, from Frescobaldi to contemporary composer Graham Fitkin. Suzuki repertoire was performed alongside music by Bach, Mozart, Chopin, Liszt, Granados, Sibelius, Debussy and Gershwin.

On behalf of teachers, students and parents, Betty Power thanked Dr Suzuki for this wonderful opportunity to educate children through music. A Graduate Teacher of Dr Suzuki’s Talent Education Institute in Matsumoto, Betty recalled the following pledge that teachers made to Dr Suzuki:

“We realise the unlimited possibilities in early education. We also realise that every child can be educated. Our purpose is to develop this ability, and present this fact to the world. We are delighted to be teachers of the Suzuki Method and fully comprehend the responsibilities we have as teachers. We will continue to study teaching in the future with much reflection, and through this continuing study we will be better able to concentrate energies toward better teaching. We solemnly affirm that we will keep this promise as a Suzuki Method teacher, and always do our utmost for our common purpose of educating the children of the world.”

A warm and supportive audience of parents, families, friends and visitors helped make this event an even greater success by raising over £416 in profits, all of which went to *Save the Children*.

Participating Suzuki Piano Teachers included: Bruce Anderson (USA), Angela Davis (UK) Antonella.D. Giulio (Germany), Caroline Gowers (UK) Claire Lester (UK), Christine Magasiner (UK), Fiona Matthison (UK), Jenny Macmillan (UK), Betty & Stephen Power (UK) , Aleli Tibay (USA), Pat Vendryes (UK).

