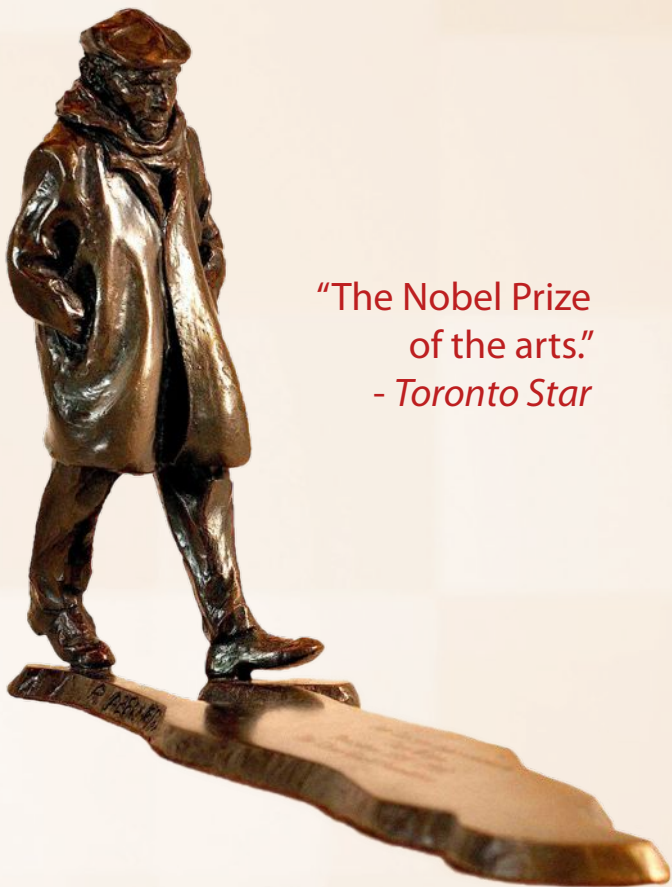


THE GLENN GOULD PRIZE

An International Symbol
of Creative Excellence



“The Nobel Prize
of the arts.”
- *Toronto Star*

The Glenn Gould Prize is awarded to an individual for a unique lifetime contribution that has enriched the human condition through the arts.

The Glenn Gould Prize promotes the vital connection between artistic excellence and the transformation of lives. Each Glenn Gould Prize Laureate also chooses an outstanding young artist to receive The City of Toronto Glenn Gould Protégé Prize.

The Glenn Gould Prize Laureates

The life's work of a Glenn Gould Prize Laureate embodies this connection. Second Prize Laureate **Lord Yehudi Menuhin** (Great Britain) was a beloved violinist and conductor who also founded a school to nurture the talents of gifted children. Third Prize Laureate **Oscar Peterson** (Canada) made exceptional contributions to music and humanity as an unparalleled jazz pianist with a deep commitment to universal freedom, civil rights and mentoring youth. Sixth Prize Laureate, **Yo-Yo Ma** (USA) is one of the most revered cellists of the modern age and founded the Silk Road Ensemble, an arts and educational organization that engages artists and audiences around the world in multicultural exchange.



LAUREATES

2008 Dr. José Antonio Abreu

2005 Sir André Previn

2002 Pierre Boulez

1999 Yo-Yo- Ma

1996 Toru Takemitsu

1993 Oscar Peterson

1990 Lord Yehudi Menuhin

1987 R. Murray Schafer

The Eighth Glenn Gould Prize (2008)



Eighth Prize Laureate Dr. José Antonio Abreu (Venezuela) demonstrates the transformative power of the arts through his visionary social program called El Sistema, the national network of free music education and orchestras for at-risk youth in Venezuela.

Over a million children have been saved from gangs, drugs and poverty since the program began 35 years ago, and the El Sistema model is currently being adopted in more than 25 countries. The program's top graduates travel across the globe in the 250-member *Símon Bolívar Youth Orchestra of Venezuela*, one of the highest ranked musical ensembles.

El Sistema alumnus and superstar conductor, Gustavo Dudamel was chosen by Dr. Abreu as his City of Toronto Glenn Gould Protégé.

The Celebration of Music Week

In October 2009, an historic series of events in Toronto began with the Prize gala concert featuring the greatest symbol of Dr. Abreu's work: Gustavo Dudamel and the Símon Bolívar Youth Orchestra of Venezuela in their Canadian debut.

The Celebration of Music week reached an audience of over 20,000 students and youth, parents, educators, arts aficionados, journalists and policy-makers experiencing El Sistema firsthand through specially designed events. Highlights included \$150 000 worth of instruments donated to children in Venezuela; 14 intimate concerts at high schools and community youth centres featuring the Venezuelan chamber ensembles; The Promise of Music International Symposium on Music Education at The Royal Conservatory; Dr. Abreu's first speeches in Canada; and an electrifying conclusion of events at a stadium concert for over 12,000 students from across the province of Ontario.

The selection of Dr. Abreu as Laureate expresses the values of innovation, inspiration and transformation embodied by The Glenn Gould Prize.



Glenn Gould (1932-1982)

Born in Toronto, Glenn Gould has been hailed internationally as one of the greatest musicians of the 20th century. He remains one of the world's most universally recognized and revered cultural icons.

Gould made his mark not only as a titan of the piano, but also as a broadcaster, writer, media theorist and multi-media artist who foresaw the profound impact of technology on culture and society.



"Gould's mind was a brilliant and shimmering prism through which sounds, sense and ideas were magically transfigured."

-Yo-Yo Ma

The unique creative spirit and inventive genius of Glenn Gould is immediately identified with excellence, innovation as well as Canada.

Around the world, Glenn Gould is legendary.

The Glenn Gould Prize

The Glenn Gould Prize was created as a tribute to Glenn Gould's artistry and his multifaceted contributions to culture. The Glenn Gould Foundation—an international cultural institution that celebrates Gould's spirit and legacy—gathers The Glenn Gould Prize Jury, oversees the nominations process and presents the award celebrations as its signature activities.

Prize Laureates receive a C\$50 000 award and The Glenn Gould Prize sculpture by Canadian artist Ruth Abernethy. The City of Toronto Glenn Gould Protégé Prize winners receive C\$15 000 and The Glenn Gould Award.

A permanent collection of official Prize Laureate portraits is displayed at The Glenn Gould Studio (CBC Studios) in Toronto.

Past Glenn Gould Prize Jurors include winners of the Academy Award, Golden Globe, Olivier Award, Knight of the French Order of Arts and Letters, the Grammy and the Juno.

Beginning with the Ninth Prize (2011), The Glenn Gould Prize will be given every second year.

Learn more about The Glenn Gould Prize and The Glenn Gould Foundation.

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