

# Previous Recipients of the Crystal Award

**Jose Antonio ABREU, 2009**

Conductor

**Vladimir ASHKENAZY, 1995**

Pianist and conductor

**Margaret ATWOOD, 2010**

Author

**Shabani AZMI, 2006**

Actress and social activist

**Amitabh BACHCHAN, 2009**

Actor and director

**Shigeru BAN, 2015**

Architect

**Luc BESSON, 2012**

Filmmaker

**Andrea BOCELLI, 2015**

Tenor and Singer-songwriter

**BONO, 2002**

Singer

**Mario BOTTA, 1996**

Architect

**Wissam BOUSTANY, 1998**

Flautist

**José CARRERAS, 2011**

Opera singer

**Yvonne CHAKA CHAKA, 2012**

Singer

**CHEN Kaige, 1996**

Film director

**YAO Chen, 2016**

Actress

**CHRISTO & JEANNE-CLAUDE, 1995**

Artist-engineers

**Paulo COELHO, 1999**

Author

**Matt DAMON, 2014**

Actor and co-founder, Water.org

**Leonardo DICAPRIO, 2016**

Actor and founder, Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation Film

**Michael DOUGLAS, 2006**

Director, producer and actor

**Umberto ECO, 2000**

Writer, historian and philosopher

**Olafur ELIASSON, 2016**

Artist

**Hans ERNI, 1999**

Artist

**Ivan FISCHER, 1998**

Conductor

**Juan Diego FLOREZ, 2014**

Tenor and Founder, Sinfonia por el Peru

**Peter GABRIEL, 2001**

Singer, songwriter and musician

**Richard GERE, 2005**

Actor and President, Gere Foundation

**Valery GERGIEV, 2004**

Artistic & General Director, Mariinsky Theatre

**Gilberto GIL, 2006**

Musician and Minister of Culture

**Nadine GORDIMER, 1995**

Author

**Barbara HENDRICKS, 1995**

Soprano

**Ikuo HIRAYAMA, 1995**

Painter

**Tao HO, 1997**

Architect and artist

**Jenny HOLZER, 1996**

Artist

**Ibrahim HUSSEIN, 1997**

Painter and calligrapher

**Quincy JONES, 2000**

Producer, composer, musician

**Sumet JUMSAI, 1999**

Architect and painter

**Udo JURGENS, 2010**

Singer and composer

**Dani KARAVAN, 1995**

Sculptor

**Amjad Ali KHAN, 1997**

Composer and sarod player

**Angelique KIDJO, 2015**

Singer-songwriter

**Lang Lang, 2010**

Pianist

**James LEVINE, 2003**

Conductor and Artistic Director

**Jet LI, 2009**

Actor

**Julian LLOYD WEBBER, 1998**

Cellist

**Yo-Yo MA, 2008**

Cellist

**Amin MAALOUF, 2000**

Writer and historian

**Lorin MAAZEL, 2014**

Conductor and musician

**Richard MEIER, 1995**

Architect

**Lord MENUHIN, 1995**

Violinist and conductor

**MIDORI, 2012**

Violinist

**Nikita MIKHALKOV, 1996**

Film director

**Es'kia MPHABLELE, 1998**

Writer

**Vik MUNIZ, 2013**

Artist

**Anne-Sophie MUTTER, 2017**

Violinist

**Youssou N'DOUR, 2001**

Musician and singer

**Shirin NESHAT, 2014**

Artist

**NOA, 1998**

Singer and songwriter

**Sharmeen OBAID-CHINOY, 2013**

Documentary filmmaker

**Ben OKRI, 1995**

Author and poet

**Julia ORMOND, 2003**

Actress & co-chair, FilmAid Int'l

**Krzysztof PENDERECKI, 1997**

Composer and conductor

**Sidney POITIER, 2002**

Actor, director and producer

**Lord PUTTNAM, 1997**

Film producer

**A. R. RAHMAN, 2011**

Film composer, musician and singer

**Lionel RICHIE, 2005**

Musician

**SHAKIRA, 2017**

Singer and Songwriter

**Mallika SARABHAI, 2009**

Artist and activist

**Jorge SEMPRUN, 1999**

Writer

**Ravi SHANKAR, 1996**

Sitarist and composer

**Rodion SHCHEDRIN, 1995**

Composer

**Anant SINGH, 2001**

Film producer

**Wole SOYINKA, 1995**

Poet and playwright

**Frank STELLA, 1995**

Painter

**Oliver STONE, 1995**

Director, writer and producer

**TAN Swie Hian, 2003**

Painter, poet, philosopher, author

**Charlize THERON, 2013**

Actor

**Emma THOMSON, 2008**

Actor and writer

**Mario VARGAS LLOSA, 2001**

Author

**Maxim VENGEROV, 2007**

Violinist

**Forest WHITAKER, 2017**

Artist and Social Activist

**Elie WIESEL, 1995**

Author

**will.i.am, 2016**

Musician

**Benjamin ZANDER, 1999**

Conductor