

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

Theaster GATES, 2020
Artist

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

Deepika PADUKONE, 2020
Actress and fashion icon

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

Lynette WALLWORTH, 2020
Artist

Forest WHITAKER, 2017
Artist and Social Activist

Elie WIESEL, 1995
Author

will.i.am, 2016
Musician

Jin XING, 2020
Choreographer

Benjamin ZANDER, 1999
Conductor