

# Peace Arch Hiroshima Project

~A message of peace through music from Hiroshima to the world~



## Hiroshima – a symbol of peace

Hiroshima is internationally known as a symbol of recovery and peace.

The Peace Arch Hiroshima Project aims to send a strong message of peace from Hiroshima to the world through music as the universal “language”, and create a system that continuously supports peace promotion activities.

Through this project, Hiroshima is aiming to be a leader in sending a message about the need for a globally linked sustainable society that presents a new way of living based on true peace and a new vision for designing society in order

to preserve the future of all mankind. And to make world peace truly happen, Hiroshima seeks to become an “International Peace Hub” that promotes world peace by connecting people around the world, encouraging people to think together about common issues and creating a global community for peace.



Courtesy of Hiroshima Prefectural Government

## Ms. Martha Argerich agrees with us



As you may know, Ms. Martha Argerich is a world-famous pianist. The Chairperson of the Peace Arch Hiroshima Executive Committee (the Governor of Hiroshima Prefecture) awarded her the "Hiroshima Peace Prize", which is for musicians who made the greatest contribution to sending out Hiroshima’s message of peace to the world. She was praised for playing at “An Evening of Peace Concert 2015” with the Hiroshima Symphony Orchestra, which has a mission of “music for peace.” The concert was widely reported by the press with her message regarding peace.

Ms. Argerich said, "I’m very proud to be part of this contribution to the Peace Music Project in Hiroshima. It’s the best possible place to start peace and music."

The video is introduced on our website.

[http://www.peace-arch-hiroshima.net/pa16/program\\_award.shtml](http://www.peace-arch-hiroshima.net/pa16/program_award.shtml)

## It’s never too late to join us! You can watch our concerts on the web!

The Project consisted of 3 concerts this year. Approximately 4,000 people joined the concerts. We were able to provide the audience with an opportunity to reconsider world peace through music.

One of our objectives is to spread a message of peace from Hiroshima to the world, and to produce content that is worth showing to a large audience. We have uploaded highlights of these concerts on our website that is available to stream from 17th October for free!

Here is the information about the concerts.

## 1 Classical Music Concert      [click here!](#)

The Hiroshima Symphony Orchestra, the Sinfonia Varsovia from Poland and a Japanese pianist—who was a finalist of the 2015 "Chopin International Piano Competition" —performed together on stage. Is classical music boring? Long winded? Not at all! These pieces are hauntingly beautiful and stunning.

### PROGRAM

- Chopin      Piano Concerto No. 1 in E Minor, Op 11
- Beethoven      Symphony No. 9 in D Minor, Op 125 (with chorus)

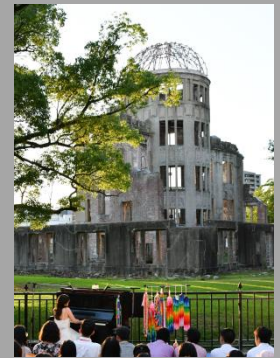


## 2 Requiem Concert      [click here!](#)

A pianist from Hiroshima, Ms. Mami Hagiwara, performed on a piano that survived the atomic bomb in front of the Peace Memorial Dome. Gentle piano sounds, in front of a monument of peace, create the most peaceful moment.

### PROGRAM

- Bach-Gounod      “Ave Maria”
- Schumann      “Arabesque”
- Schumann-Liszt      “Widmung”



## 3 Local Artists Concert      [click here!](#)

This was a concert featuring many genres performed by artists who play mainly in Hiroshima or were selected through public invitation and so on.

Several different types of musical instruments, such as a Japanese harp (koto), drums, gamelans and a synthesizer, created a harmony for peace. All performers improvised along with a theme that they decided on. It is rich in originality and talent!



For more information, please visit the [“PEACE ARCH HIROSHIMA” website](#).

You can't miss it!