

**THE VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL PIANO FESTIVAL  
By PEOPLE With DISABILITIES 2009**

**"UNHEARD NOTES"**

**ALL PIANISTS WITH DISABILITIES WELCOME!**

This international music festival is for pianists with disabilities to play and share the joy of their music with a welcoming audience.

**Dates:** September 30 to October 4, 2009

**Location:** Christ Church Cathedral, and the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts, Vancouver, B. C.

**Application Deadline:** April 30, 2009

**Application Form:** <http://www.cipfd.com/jpn/index.html>

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The first-ever worldwide piano festival for disabled pianists was held in Yokohama, Japan, in 2005. At this event, 94 people from 14 countries participated, celebrating the value of disabled pianists around the globe.

**Deadline April 30**

We are now seeking pianists for the 2009 festival. If you know a pianist of any ability who may be interested in performing in this festival, please contact Ms.Hirano at once (604-232-1157). Our application deadline is April 30. For more information, please go to see our Home Page= <http://www.cipfd.com>.

**Prizes**

Prizes are offered in several categories, including originality, technical ability, effort, artistic ability, and high achievement. Prizes range from \$300 to \$3,000. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded, among others. This piano festival values

each performer's dedication and perseverance.

**Sponsors** Sponsors of this inspiring event are Institute of Piano Teachers & Disabled in Japan (IPD), Vancouver Shinpo Japanese Weekly, Newspaper. FRASER JOURNAL PUBLISHING, Canadian Embassy and Consulates in Japan, City of Vancouver . we are greatfull for their support.

The International Piano Festival by People with Disabilities is a festival that celebrates the dreams and hopes of people around the world, creating new awareness and equal opportunities for people everywhere.