

# 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