

Grand Piano for Bhutan

Music and friendship for the Kingdom in the Himalayas

2008 is an auspicious year for Bhutan with centennial celebrations throughout the year. Bhutan and Partners – the Netherlands - together with Chenzig Media – Bhutan - have taken the initiative to organise two classical piano concerts in Thimphu as a contribution to the celebrations and to give expression to the friendship between people in the Netherlands and in Bhutan.

The piano concerts will be organised on 22 and 23 November 2008 in Thimphu. The grand piano needed for the concerts will be shipped from the Netherlands and presented as a gift to the people of Bhutan. The concerts will be the first-ever classical piano concerts in the Kingdom. The internationally well-known Dutch piano duo - Wyneke Jordans and Leo van Doeselaar - will play the grand piano in Thimphu.

To ensure maintenance of the grand piano a Cultural Fund will be established in 2009, The fund will also support the Kilu Music School in Thimphu and develop future cultural programmes.



The *Himalaya Challenge 2008*, with 70 persons and 35 Classic rally cars will drive from the Netherlands to Bhutan in the period October to November 2008. Another group of 20 persons in 10 cars, *Road to Bhutan*, organise a cultural tour to Bhutan while making music along the way They will all enter Bhutan at Gelephu and arrive in Thimphu on the 21st/22nd of November. 15 in-flying family members will join them in Thimphu. In total over 110 visitors from the Netherlands will participate in the centenary festivities on 22 and 23 November.



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This program will be carried out in close collaboration with the Royal Government of Bhutan and with support from The Royal Dutch Embassy in New Delhi, Classic Events – Classique and the Wood and Furniture College in Amsterdam.

Concerts Thimphu

22 November 2008 Royal Concert Taj Tashi Hotel, Thimphu
23 November 2008 Open Air Public Concert - Clock Tower Square, Thimphu
Musicians Leo van Doeselaar and Wyneke Jordans
Technical support Simon Jorritsma

Cultural Program

Cultural Fund To be established in 2009
Kilu Music School Support program, music instruments

Organisation

The Netherlands	Bhutan+Partners	Coordination
Bhutan	Royal Government of Bhutan	Coordination
	Chenzig Media	Events
	Etho Metho Travels	Logistics

Recommending Committee Members in the Netherlands

Paul Brouwer, former Ambassador in Indonesia, and former Ambassador for International Cultural Cooperation in the Netherlands
Simon Reinink, Chief Executive of the Concertgebouw NV, in Amsterdam, the Netherlands
Boudewijn van Ittersum, former chairman of the Amsterdam Stock Exchange
Paskal Jakobsen, Peter Slager, Bas Kennis, Norman Bonnink and Frank van der Meijden: members and manager of the Dutch Rock band BLØF

Information

Bhutan + Partners	www.bhutan-piano.org
	www.bhutanandpartners.org
Leo van Doeselaar	www.leovandoeselaar.net
W Jordans en L van Doeselaar	www.wynekejordans-leovandoeselaar.net
Himalaya Challenge 2008	www.classicevents.nl
Road to Bhutan	www.roadtobhutan.com

