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PIANO MARATHON AT RIPPON LEA
Sunday February 16
2014

Dear

On Sunday February 16, the Team of Pianists is arranging a PIANO MARATHON in the lovely surroundings of RIPPON LEA, in Elsternwick. We are inviting up to 100 pianists to perform a three or five minute segment each, depending on piano grade level. The Marathon will commence at 10.00am and finish at 5.00pm. This will be a fund-raising event for the National Trust.

Each performer may bring friends and family members. The pianists do not have to pay any entry fee to Rippon Lea, whilst their families and friends will be charged a specially reduced admission price on the day (a discount of over 40% off the usual entrance fee will apply). Each performer will be given a free double pass to visit the Rippon Lea property in future, as well as a complimentary CD of piano music supplied courtesy of the Team of Pianists.

Families of participants will be encouraged to picnic in the delightful grounds of Rippon Lea. Tea and coffee will be available for purchase at the site. The music will be performed in the Ballroom, but audience members will also be welcome to sit or wander in the gardens at Rippon Lea, or take a tour of the house (included in the admission fee). The piano will be able to be heard outside the house, on the pool terrace and the nearby lawns, to enable families to relax in an outdoor atmosphere.

We are inviting you to play one or two pieces for a **maximum of five minutes** if you are Fifth Grade level or above, or for a **maximum of three minutes** for those up to Fourth Grade level. When we have developed a timetable we will let you know at what time you will be playing. As you can imagine, we must ask you to keep exactly to your allotted time to enable the function to work successfully. This will be an outstanding opportunity to perform before a wide audience, on a fine piano in wonderful surroundings. You will play not just to friends and family, but to National Trust members and other visitors to the property. We hope you will join us on Sunday 16th February.

Please respond no later than Friday 24th January 2014 to this invitation, and indicate the number of family and friends attending. I look forward to hearing from you.

With my best wishes,

Professor Max Cooke OAM
Director - Team of Pianists.
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If you are accepting our invitation to perform at Rippon Lea on Sunday February 16, 2014, **please fill in this reply form and send it to us no later than Friday 24th January, 2014.**

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NAME.....

AGE (if 18 or under).....

ADDRESS.....

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Postcode.....

Telephone.....

Email.....

PIANO GRADE LEVEL.....

PIECE OR PIECES YOU WISH TO PLAY:

1. COMPOSER.....

TITLE..... EXACT TIMING.....mins.

2. COMPOSER.....

TITLE.....EXACT TIMING.....mins.

(One or two pieces may be played totalling 5 minutes if you are at 5th Grade level or above; or totalling 3 minutes if you are 4th Grade level or below)

NUMBER OF FAMILY OR FRIENDS ATTENDING.....

DO YOU HAVE A PREFERRED TIME OF DAY?.....

(We will try to consider this)