



Thirteen Strings

CHAMBER • ORCHESTRA

Annual Gala Friday, June 3rd, 2011

Piano virtuoso **Dang Thai Son** will be performing with the orchestra on June 3rd. Mr. Son is a Vietnamese pianist who was propelled to the forefront of the musical world in October 1980, when he was awarded the First Prize and Gold Medal at the tenth International Chopin Piano Competition in Warsaw. Since winning the Chopin Competition, his international career has taken him to over forty countries, into such world renowned halls as Lincoln Center (New York), Barbican Center (London), Salle Pleyel (Paris), Musikverein (Vienna), Opera House (Sydney) and many more. He has played with many world-class orchestras and on June 3rd he will appear on stage with **Thirteen Strings!**

featuring
Dang Thai Son
piano virtuoso

LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS!

The Event

Friday June 3rd, 2011

6:00pm Reception, grand hall, French Embassy
7:00pm concert in the second floor reception hall
featuring Mr. Son, Maestro Mallon and
the Thirteen Strings Chamber Orchestra
8:00pm post-concert reception

Folks: I want to tell you about this year's fundraiser for the Thirteen Strings Chamber Orchestra, Friday June 3. We're very excited about this event. Here's the short version:

Chopin. In the French Embassy.

That's all most people will need to know. Before he left Ottawa for Washington, former French Ambassador François Delattre left instructions to his staff to help Thirteen Strings put on its most biggest fundraiser yet, in the stunning 1930s Art Deco embassy right next door to 24 Sussex. We'll have a ball.

But I also wanted to tell you about our amazing guest soloist.

Dang Thai Son is one of the world's best pianists. He won the 1980 Chopin Piano Competition in Warsaw. When I was in Warsaw last autumn to cover the latest edition of the world's foremost piano competition, Son was getting star treatment as a member of the jury.

But it wasn't until I talked to him that I learned his amazing story. He was only 22 when he went to Warsaw in 1980. His mother's music academy had to move at the outbreak of the Vietnam War; ox teams pulled the pianos to bunkers outside Hanoi. Rats used to chew at the felt on the piano hammers. Little Dang Thai Son had only a half hour a day to practice, but by the late 1970s he made it to the Moscow Conservatory.

Follow the Link to purchase your tickets

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