

the Olympianist

Land's End to John O'Groats May 2012
Anthony Hewitt, his bike & a piano in tow



Internationally renowned pianist and avid cyclist Anthony Hewitt is 'the Olympianist'. To celebrate the London 2012 Olympics, he will cycle the length of Britain, from Land's End to John O'Groats, with his piano trailing in a van, in aid of charity. At the end of each gruelling leg of the ride he will give a recital either outdoors on the van or in a venue where he is invited to perform.

Details of the Tour

The precise route of the challenge will be determined by you.

Help Anthony shape this unique journey by hosting a concert or a special event that will mark the buildup to the London 2012 Olympics.



Challenge Anthony!

Dates for the tour are Thursday May 10th to Monday May 28th and you can be part of this unique event. As Anthony will travel with his own piano he is open to a wide range of recital invitations and all locations will be considered. Anthony's itinerary is flexible and will be finalised over the next 12 months with concerts added to our website: www.olympianist.com



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Anthony Hewitt, the Olympianist

I have a passion for piano, sport, and travel. I have performed across the world for over twenty years and in my spare time enjoyed participating in triathlons, a sport that tests you to the limit. It was during a race that I wondered how I could integrate this physical challenge with a musical one alongside pursuing my love of travel. Thus came the idea to cycle from Land's End to John O'Groats and play a recital at the end of each day in celebration of the 2012 London Olympics. This is how the Olympianist project came to be.

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'Schumann Cycle'

In an artistic echo of this physical challenge, I am undertaking a long-term project to record Robert Schumann's sequence of Opus numbers 1-23, which are all piano works. I will perform this 'Schumann Cycle' along the route in the order they were written.

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'Van Beethoven'

This is no ordinary Land's End to John O'Groats tour. I want to bring music to those in isolated communities who otherwise have little opportunity to experience it, so I am bringing my own piano in a van on which I can perform in market squares and outdoor locations. Performing 'Van Beethoven'.

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Raising money for charity

I will be raising money for charity whilst playing on the van. Donations can also be made at www.olympianist.com/donate

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I constantly seek to better both my musical and sporting performances. I also want to set an example to others, to capture the imagination of children and inspire them to excel beyond what they thought possible. Musequality and Sistema Scotland give children the chance to participate in music and achieve their goals.

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The freedom we have to pursue our careers and hobbies are our right and privilege. There are many who are less fortunate than ourselves, and Amnesty International supports the plight of people across the world whose liberty has been taken away and are denied the choices we make on a daily basis.

Programmes and Cost

I will perform Schumann works from Opus 1-19 from start day to finish day e.g. *Schumann Abegg Variations Op. 1 on day 1, Carnival Op. 9 on day 9*

The programme will also include one or more of the following:

Beethoven: 'Moonlight' Sonata, Sonata Op. 109

Schubert: Impromptu in E flat Op. 90 No. 2

Chopin: Fantasie-Impromptu, Nocturnes, Barcarolle

Rachmaninov: Prelude in G minor

Liszt: Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2

A special 2012 Olympic commission

Cost to promoter: £600

To listen to extracts of these pieces played by me, please visit:

www.olympianist.com/music

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