

80th Birthday Project

A tribute to one of the

most inspirational

teachers and performers

of our time.



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Robert Willoughby at Dartmouth Congregation of the Arts accompanied by Frank Martin on his "Ballade"

The 80th Birthday Project is a tribute to legendary flutist, Robert Willoughby on the occasion of his 80th birthday in 2001. Former students, friends and colleagues are joining together to honor Robert for his many accomplishments and contributions to the flute world.

Robert Willoughby has enjoyed a long and successful career both as a performer and pedagogue. A graduate of the Eastman School of Music and New England Conservatory, Robert has held positions with the Cincinnati Symphony and the Cleveland Orchestra. He has toured and given concerts throughout the world with ensembles such as the Oberlin Baroque Ensemble (of which he is a founding member), the Oberlin Woodwind Quintet and the Smithsonian Chamber Players. As a pedagogue, Robert's contributions to the field of teaching will undoubtedly touch generations of flutists to come. He has been professor of flute at Oberlin Conservatory, Peabody Conservatory and currently teaches at the Longy School of Music in Cambridge, MA. Additionally, Robert's summer master classes have been attended by hundreds of flutists. The impact of his teaching is represented by the many former students that occupy seats in major performing ensembles and teach at colleges and universities throughout the world.

The Commission

To commemorate this special occasion, a new composition has been commissioned in Robert Willoughby's honor. Composer and flutist John Heiss has enthusiastically agreed to compose a work for flute and piano with electronic sounds.



The Gala Birthday Concert

The Project will culminate with a Gala Birthday Concert in Edward M. Pickman Concert Hall at the Longy School of Music on June 9, 2001. This evening will feature the world premier of John Heiss' new work, performances of some of Robert's favorite pieces played by former students and a few birthday surprises.



Join the Celebration

To make the 80th Birthday Project a complete success, your support is needed. All of the expenses associated with this project are funded by generous contributions from people like you. All contributors will be recognized in the commemorative program for the Gala Birthday Concert.

Yes! I'd like to be a part of the Project.

Your tax-deductible gift is greatly appreciated!

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- \$100.00
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- \$500.00
- \$1000.00
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Please make checks payable to Longy School of Music and write "Willoughby Project" in the memo.

- Please send me information about tickets to the Gala Birthday Concert.

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