

Hideo Saito Memorial Fund Award

Awarded to young and promising cellists and conductors

Sony Music Foundation established the Hideo Saito Memorial Award in 2002, under the name of the renowned late cellist/conductor/educator. We present the awards, which is operated by the property bequeathed to the Foundation by his widow Hideko upon her passing, to young and promising cellists and conductors.

Selection Committee

Lifetime Committee Members:

Seiji OZAWA (Conductor) / Tsuyoshi TSUTSUMI (Cellist)

Members with tenure: three persons (tenure of three years)

Awards

Plaque/cash award:

JPY 5 million for each recipient (total JPY 10 million)



16th award presentation ceremony (2017)

Past recipients

The 1st (FY2002)	Akio UEKI (cellist)	Kazushi ONO (conductor)	The 9th (FY2010)	Yoko HASEGAWA (cellist)	Kimbo ISHII-ETO (conductor)
The 2nd (FY2003)	Nobuo FURUKAWA (cellist)	Junichi HIROKAMI (conductor)	The 10th (FY2011)	Hidemi SUZUKI (cellist)	Ken TAKASEKI (conductor)
The 3rd (FY2004)	No cellist awarded	Ryusuke NUMAJIRI (conductor)	The 11th (FY2012)	Danjulo ISHIZAKA (cellist)	Kazuki YAMADA (conductor)
The 4th (FY2005)	Sumire KUDO (cellist)	Alan GILBERT (conductor)	The 12th (FY2013)	Rei TSUJIMOTO (cellist)	Keiko MITSUHASHI (conductor)
The 5th (FY2006)	No cellist awarded	Eiji OUE (conductor)	The 13th (FY2014)	Hajime OTOMO (cellist)	Toshiyuki KAMIOKA (conductor)
The 6th (FY2007)	Dai MIYATA (cellist)	Tatsuya SHIMONO (conductor)	The 14th (FY2015)	Shohei UWAMORI (cellist)	Kentaro KAWASE (conductor)
The 7th (FY2008)	Gen YOKOSAKA (cellist)	Naoto OTOMO (conductor)	The 15th (FY2016)	Atsushi SAKAI (cellist)	No conductor awarded
The 8th (FY2009)	Mari ENDO (cellist)	No conductor awarded	The 16th (FY2017)	Yuya OKAMOTO (cellist)	Ryuichiro SONODA (conductor)