

2012 ASPEN CULTURAL DIPLOMACY AWARDS

The Aspen Cultural Diplomacy Awards recognize lifetime achievement, excellence, and innovation in the field of cultural diplomacy. They are presented to both institutions and individuals. The first Aspen Cultural Diplomacy Award was presented to the British Council in 2008 in recognition of its leadership and innovation in the field. In 2009, composer and producer Quincy Jones was honored with an Aspen Cultural Diplomacy Lifetime Achievement Award for his numerous cultural engagement accomplishments and his unparalleled leadership in cultural diplomacy advocacy work. In 2010, singer Youssou N'Dour received the Aspen Cultural Diplomacy Excellence Award in appreciation of his courageous and creative efforts to enhance intercultural dialogue through his music and socioeconomic initiatives. Last year, professor and composer J.H. Kwabena Nketia, screenwriter and producer Neal Baer, pictorial historian Harper Johnson, and the Abu Dhabi Music Foundation were presented with the Cultural Stewardship Awards. This year's Aspen Cultural Diplomacy Awards will be given to an extraordinary individual from the field of politics and international development, and to an organization that promotes dialogue among cultures through music: Mrs. Sadako Ogata will receive the 2012 Aspen Cultural Diplomacy Award for Lifetime Achievement, while Melody for Dialogue among Civilizations Association will be recognized with the Aspen Cultural Diplomacy Award for an Emerging Voice.



EMERGING VOICE AWARD

Melody for Dialogue Among Civilizations Association

An organization devoted to fostering cross-cultural dialogue through music programs.



LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Sadako Ogata

Diplomat and Educator

Program

19:00 – 21:00

Dinner & Awards Ceremony

Welcome

Elliot Gerson, Executive Vice President, Policy and Public Programs,
International Partners, The Aspen Institute

Artistic Interlude

Awards Ceremony

Introduction of Awardees:

Alice Young, Trustee, The Aspen Institute

Kano Yamamoto, Managing Trustee & Alternate Chairman of the Board of
Trustees, International Christian University

Acceptance of the Awards

Olusegun Obasanjo, Chairman, Honorary Council, Melody for Dialogue
among Civilizations Association, and Former President, Federal Republic of
Nigeria

&

Mehri Madarshahi, President, Melody for Dialogue Among Civilizations
Association

Sadako Ogata, Special Advisor to the President, Japan International
Cooperation Agency (JICA)

Closing

Elliot Gerson, Executive Vice President, Policy and Public Programs,
International Partners, The Aspen Institute