

# THE WESTBURY

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## ***The Westbury and Dublin International Piano Competition host world-class talent recital with John O’Conor and Ireland’s premier young virtuosi – the piano stars of the future***



*The Westbury partners with the Dublin International Piano Competition to recognise and promote the world-class standard of pianists in Ireland*

Nestled within the heart of Dublin’s creative quarter, The Westbury is renowned for its commitment to supporting the arts, culture and design. To continue this tradition and promote the world-class standard of piano music in Ireland, The Westbury have once again partnered with the Dublin International Piano Competition to host an exclusive evening recital with performances by world renowned pianist John O’Conor, and rising Irish piano stars including Antonia Huang, Tiffany Qiu, Dida Condria, Meabh Fitzgerald, Jane Brazil and Rowel Friers.

On Tuesday 16th May in the beautiful surrounds of the Grafton Suite at The Westbury, guests will experience the excitement of four of these wonderful talents play on one piano “Galop” by the French composer Lavignac and will be guaranteed a lively and entertaining evening of music, right in the heart of Dublin. The evening will begin with drinks and canapés at 7pm, followed by the recital and a drinks reception to close

Attendees will get to enjoy performances from the internationally acclaimed pianist John O’Conor, described by the Washington Post as an artist who ‘has the kind of flawless touch that makes an audience gasp’. John first studied music in his native Dublin, before going on to study in Vienna where he won 1st Prize at the prestigious International Beethoven Piano Competition. Since first rising to fame in the arts world, he has received awards from the French, Austrian and Japanese governments along with many other accolades.

John will be joined by rising Irish stars of the Finlay programme. Following the exceptional standard of the participants in late 2016, six talented young pianists were selected to take part in the William Finlay Programme for Gifted Young Pianists 2017-2018.

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Commenting on the recital, General Manager of The Westbury, Vincent O’Gorman said: “The Doyle Collection has a history of supporting the arts and culture and we are delighted to welcome these hugely talented Irish pianists to The Westbury and host this recital for a second year. To have a celebrated performer such as John O’Conor together with the rising stars of the Finlay programme, it truly makes it a unique event. The Westbury is delighted to continue its support for young emerging talent and we look forward to following the journey of these gifted pianists. Guests are invited to sit back in the beautiful surrounds of The Grafton Suite and be captivated by these talented Irish musicians’.

The evening will begin with drinks and canapés at 7pm, followed by the recital and a drinks reception to close. Tickets are €60 and are available by calling Sandra at 01 2721523 or by email to [sandra@dipc.ie](mailto:sandra@dipc.ie).

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## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

### **Dublin International Piano Competition**

The Dublin International Piano Competition has been running for over 30 years. The organisation hosts and presents the triennial competition which brings the best of young pianists from around the world to the stage in Dublin, competing to win one of the most high profile piano competitions.

Under the artistic direction of world-renowned pianist John O’Conor, the Dublin International Piano Competition (DIPC) is an Irish arts and cultural event of a world-class standard. It has helped to establish Ireland as an important music destination and it also puts the spotlight on national musicians.

In addition to presenting the Competition, the DIPC presents a programme of piano events throughout the year in Ireland and in other important music halls and venues in Europe and North America. To nurture the continued development of piano music in Ireland and ensure it is enjoyed by future generations, the DIPC also runs a schools education programme.

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## **The Westbury**

An icon in a city of greats, The Westbury hotel not only surrounds its guests in luxury and style, it places them at the very centre of the city's social and cultural riches.

A member of the prestigious Leading Hotels of The World and the exclusive Virtuoso luxury travel network, The Westbury occupies a prime position between Trinity College and St Stephen's Green; perfectly located for exploring the most exciting sides of Dublin. At its front doorstep lies Grafton Street, renowned for its colour, street artists and luxury shopping; whilst Dublin's 'Creative Quarter', a vibrant network of streets filled with lively bars, restaurants and quirky stores run behind the hotel, with the city's top theatres, museums and art galleries all situated within a short walking distance.

The Westbury is sure to charm. It's magnificent Gallery, with its captivating privately-owned art collection and sumptuous Afternoon Tea is a Dublin institution. Modern, edgy and sophisticated, the hotel's restaurants, bars and meeting spaces present a unique Dublin business and social hub. For more details please visit [www.doylecollection.com/westburyhotel](http://www.doylecollection.com/westburyhotel)

## **The Doyle Collection**

The Doyle Collection is a carefully curated collection of eight Irish family-owned luxury and urban hotels located in superb central locations in London, Dublin, Washington DC, Cork and Bristol.

Each hotel has a strong identity that is closely connected to its location and is unique in the way that has brought a cultural slice of its city into the fabric of the building and the guest experience.

What binds our hotels together is the Doyle service ethos - a real warmth and thoughtfulness that stems from being a much loved family business.

Within The Doyle Collection, we believe that the difference between something good and something great is in the attention to detail. Our definition of success is for our guests to feel that our hotels are more akin to a home or a private members club – and therefore want to return again and again.