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Last year 32 year old Oxford based Aerodynamicist, Dominic Piers Smith, won top prize in the 2nd 'Pianists' Competition for Outstanding Amateurs, presented by Yamaha and Classic FM in London. This Formula One racing car designer has now been invited to perform at the Royal Festival Hall with the London Philharmonic Orchestra on Saturday 14th February 2009 for a special Valentine's Day concert at which he will perform Rachmaninov's 2nd Piano Concerto.

Dominic started piano at the age of 6. When just 8 he won a scholarship to study at Trinity College of Music in London where also studied violin, oboe and bassoon. During this time he performed regularly and won many awards.

But later music took a back seat while he studied Aeronautics at Imperial College, later working with the Ferrari Formula One team. His first design won the prestigious Indianapolis 500 driven by Juan Pablo Montoya, and he is now team leader for the aerodynamic design group at the Honda Formula One racing team.

Honda has also shown interest in the musical talents of their designer, and have taken the unusual step of working together with Yamaha on a recording project.

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Unique to the UK, the Yamaha 'Pianists' Competition is now established as the most significant biennial event of the musical calendar for outstanding amateurs. The contest is open to passionate amateur classical and jazz pianists over 30 years of age and assists them in reaching new levels whilst promoting piano repertoire and the fun of piano playing to new audiences. The concert also raises funds for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

Dominic Piers Smith told us, "The opportunity to play a concerto with the London Philharmonic Orchestra literally is a dream come true and a long way from the living room for someone like myself. Winning 'The Pianists' competition has made this possible and exceeded all my expectations."