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Concert by John Chen, piano

Radiolive and Tauranga Musica proudly present **John Chen** at the Graham Young Youth Theatre, Tauranga Boys College, 664 Cameron Rd, Tauranga on Saturday 17 May 2014 at 3.00pm.

John Chen remains the youngest-ever winner of the prestigious Sydney International Piano Competition having captured that prize in 2004 at the age of 18. He also won the special prizes for best performance of works by Beethoven, Mozart, Schubert, Chamber Music and the 19th/20th Century Concerto. Prior to this John won the Rotorua Concerto competition in 2003. His Sydney win came close on the heels of his first-prize placement in the Third Lev Vlassenko Australasian Piano Competition in Brisbane the year before, a competition where he also swept all the special prizes.

In the years since, John has become one of the very few worldwide whose career has matched its auspicious competition beginnings. He has a formidable profile in Australia where he has worked with all the major orchestras, he has appeared in Japan, Singapore, Hong Kong, the USA and Europe and he returns each year to perform with one or more of New Zealand's top orchestras.

John is based in Hamburg where he is Assistant Lecturer in Chamber Music at Hamburg Musikhochschule.

The programme comprises – Barber- Piano Sonata in Eb minor, op 26
Beethoven – Piano Sonata in C minor , op111
Mendelssohn – from Seven Character Pieces, op 7
Hindemith – Piano Sonata in Bb major

Tickets are available from www.tgamusica.co.nz. Adults \$32, youths \$10 or free if accompanied by a ticket holder and will be on sale at the door on the day, cash and eftpos.

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