This Prize was established in 1983 in tribute to the work of Associate-Professor Janetta Mary McStay, on her retirement from the staff of the School of Music of the University of Auckland. The Prize fund was subscribed to by her former students, by staff of the School of Music, and by the general public, and was augmented by the proceeds of a special concert held in the Maidment Theatre on 27 November 1982.

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REGULATIONS:
1. The Prize will be known as the Janetta McStay Prize for Pianists.
2. The annual value of the Prize will be $650.
3. The Prize will be awarded each year by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Head of the School of Music to the most deserving Piano student who has completed at least one year of a Performance degree or diploma programme of Music at the University of Auckland and is proceeding to further piano study in the School of Music or elsewhere.
4. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there are no candidates of sufficient merit. An additional award may be made in a later year.
5. The University of Auckland Council may from time to time amend these regulations on the recommendation of the Head of the School of Music but so that there is no departure from the main purpose of the fund.