



Proud owner: Adrian Mann with his vast hand-crafted Alexander piano.

Cimirro to play

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Adrian Mann's mammoth piano is hitting the right notes as another world renowned pianist packs his bags for a trip to Pareora Huts.

Mr Mann will welcome Brazilian concert pianist and composer Artur Cimirro to South Canterbury for a performance on May 28.

The occasion will celebrate the piano's second anniversary.

Mr Mann crafted the piano, which is thought to be the longest in the world measuring 5.7 metres (18.7ft), a project he completed over four years in a shed, using mostly recycled materials.

He said the concert programme, which was not a fundraiser, was subject to change but so far includes Liszt, Chopin's *Scherzo No 3*, Stravinsky's *3 Movements from The Firebird* and Rachmaninoff pieces among others.

Mr Mann said he was looking forward to the upcoming concert, knowing years of hard work was finally paying off.

"It will be interesting from my point of view, as the creator.

"Some pieces will have a technical demand on the piano's ability. In other words some of the programme is testing for the piano, although I have seen the piano perform some very difficult music."

He said he enjoyed playing the piano himself, but loved listening to someone else "make use of it".

Mr Mann started crafting the piano as a teenager and hopes to one day find it a permanent home.



To perform: Brazilian concert pianist and composer Artur Cimirro will perform at Pareora Huts this month on Adrian Mann's 5.7-metre long piano.

He said the project developed from a "series of key moments and events" in his life from when he was 14 years old, including an experiment that created a sound he had never heard before.

Cimirro's audience will be treated to the concert at 2pm and 5pm from Peter and Jane Evans' farm, where Mr Mann completed the piano.