

ALEX SLOBODYANIK

Alex Slobodyanik is recognized by critics, audiences and his fellow musicians worldwide as a major figure among pianists. At the age of 15, he became the youngest pianist ever to win the Young Concert Artists International Auditions. He subsequently received the Grand Prize at the Stravinsky Awards International Piano Competition and a Young Artist of the Year Award from the Gilmore Foundation, establishing him as one of the leading pianists of his generation. His recital engagements have included appearances at Lincoln Center on the "Great Performers" series, 92nd St Y, Academy of Music, Ambassador Auditorium, Wigmore Hall in a live BBC broadcast, UNESCO Hall in Paris, the Great Hall in Moscow and at other major venues throughout the US and Europe. His tour of Japan included recitals at Osaka Festival Hall and Suntory Hall in Tokyo.

As a soloist, he has appeared with orchestras such as the Cincinnati Symphony under Jesus Lopez-Cobos on their "Catch A Rising Star" series, the National Symphony, the Cologne Radio Symphony, Moscow Philharmonic, a debut with the Chicago Symphony under Yuri Temirkanov, Hong Kong Philharmonic subscription concerts and the Netherlands Radio Symphony Orchestra conducted by Eri Klas at the Concertgebouw. He is a frequent collaborator with conductor Valery Gergiev, notably in performances with the Philharmonia Orchestra at Royal Festival Hall in London and Symphony Hall in Birmingham, followed by an international tour with the Kirov Orchestra highlighted by performances at the Barbican Center, Carnegie Hall, Kennedy Center, Riffe Center and Mariinsky Opera House, all to critical acclaim. They made a subsequent recording of Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto #4 for Russian Television.

Alex Slobodyanik has participated in many international music festivals including Ravinia, Marlboro, Riverbend, and the Gilmore Keyboard Festival in the US, the Ivo Pogorelich Festival in Germany, Lockenhaus Festival in Austria, Les Flaneries Musicales d'Ete in Reims, and Les Semaines Musicales in Tours. Mr. Slobodyanik began piano lessons at the age of six with his mother, Natalia. At seven, he entered the Central Music School in Moscow, where he studied with Rene Shereshevskaya. Upon coming to the United States, he resumed his musical studies with Nina Svetlanova. He moved to Cleveland in 1991 to study at the Cleveland Institute of Music with Sergei Babayan who has been his private teacher and mentor since 1985.

Alex now shares time between Los Angeles, New York and Moscow and is actively pursuing many creative activities and interests, involving music, literature, theater and film.

PROGRAM

PAPILLONS Op.2 ROBERT SCHUMANN

ÉTUDES FRÉDÉRIC CHOPIN

Op.25, No.1

Op.10, No.5

Op.10, No.12

Op.10, No.9

Op.25, No.10

SONATA Op.58, in B Minor FRÉDÉRIC CHOPIN

Allegro maestoso

Scherzo: Molto vivace

Largo

Finale: Presto non tanto

INTERMISSION

SONATA Op.2, No.1, in F Minor LUDVIG VAN BEETHOVEN

Allegro

Adagio

Menuetto and Trio

Prestissimo

SONATA Op.83, in B-flat Major SERGEY PROKOFIEV

Allegro inquieto

Andante caloroso

Precipitato