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## Dora Deliyska

has established herself not only as one of the leading pianists of the present time, but also as one of the most versatile and intriguing. Her unique artistic projects have their own conceptual dramaturgy, giving piano literature and the art of interpretation a new perspective.

Years of concert appearances and audio and video recordings have earned Dora Deliyska international acclaim from both critics and audiences. She creates a connection between sensitive piano interpretation, brilliant virtuosity and deep musicological ideas.

Deliyska performs regularly at some of the world's most renowned concert halls, such as the Musikverein and the Konzerthaus in Vienna, the Palais des Beaux-Arts in Brussels, the Oosterpoort Music Center (Netherlands), and many other venues in Europe. She frequently appears in Asian countries including China, Thailand, Vietnam, Qatar, as well as in South America, where she also gives master classes and is invited as a jury member at prestigious musical institutions.

Dora Deliyska has a remarkable discography. Her career as a soloist was launched with a debut CD of works by Franz Liszt and a debut in Musikverein 2011; this was followed by further recordings of Liszt, Chopin and Schumann. Her 2013 Schubert CD won the Pizzicato "Supersonic Award". Dora Deliyska's most recent release, "Alles Walzer, einmal anders!" was named as one of Austria's Top 10 cultural events in 2020.

The pianist is frequently invited to prestigious international festivals. Live performances as well as video and audio recordings of Dora Deliyska have been broadcast by ARTE, Öl, Radio Klassik Stephansdom, ORF, Italian Radio Rai 3, Dutch National Television, Swiss Radio DRS, and Bulgarian national radio and television. Chamber music collaborations have included performances with Daniel Hope, Harriet Krijgh, Adrian Eröd, Yury Revich and Nadia Krasteva and many more.

Dora Deliyska is a Bösendorfer artist.

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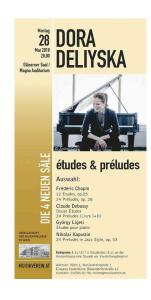


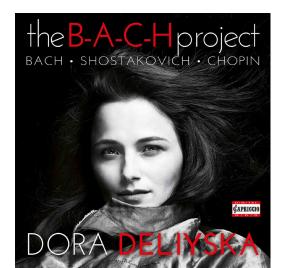


With her most recent release, "Alles Walzer, einmal anders!", Dora Deliyska enables her listeners to experience the Viennese waltz in an altogether different way. The pianist constructs complexities on the simple structure of this dance and shows the waltz in its myriad of facets: From Viennese-elegant to modern, virtuosic, orchestral; even impressionist. Contrast composers such as Schubert, Ligeti and Strauss meet on a completely unexpected musical way and create a sound image full of new ideas and provocative rhythms. The emblematic piece La Valse by Maurice Ravel reaches the peak of the emotions and the culmination of the program.

"Alles Walzer, einmal anders!" brings the audience to an unexpected musical journey, full of strong emotions and unexpected rhythms.

"études & préludes" – There are several important piano cycles that consist of 24 pieces. Composers have always liked drawing on this straightforward structure. So does Dora Deliyska – and combines and juxtaposes twelve Etudes and twelve Preludes by composers Frédéric Chopin, Claude Debussy, György Ligeti, and Nikolai Kapustin. The first part is made up of twelve hand-picked Etudes that are arranged by interval, going from a second all the way to the octave, intensifying emotionally with each step. The twelve Preludes of the second part mirror the first half and bring into balance the recital program which – greater than the sum of its 24 individual parts – could be seen as an artwork in and of itself.





Dora Deliyska's album "The B-A-C-H Project", released in March 2018, documents for the first time the success of her intensive musicological and philosophical concepts. Within a short time, the CD received international acclaim from critics and renowned music journalists, who described it as "an outstanding album", "...a fascinating trans-epochal listening experience." The pianist combines selected pieces from three masterpieces of piano literature: J. S. Bach - The Well-Tempered Clavier, D. Shostakovich - Preludes and Fugues and Fr. Chopin - Etudes. The leitmotif of the programme is the letters B, A, C, and H; these are also the tonalities of the selected pieces. The 4 blocks constitute the main components of music, as each block has its own emphasis: B melody, A - rhythm, C - harmony and H - emotion. Creating a strong connection between the three contrast composers, Dora Deliyska believes that this project offers a new glimpse of the piano performing arts and could be considered a complete piano cycle on its own, breaking the time limits.

## **DISCOGRAPHY**

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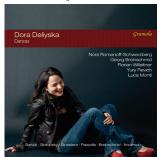
B-A-C-H Project



Doppelgänger CD Schubert / Liszt songs



Danzas CD Dora Deliyska & Friends



Liszt, piano works



Chopin and Liszt, Waltzes and Ballads



Meeresstille CD & DVD



Danzas DVD, Live from Porgy & Bess, Vienna



Schubert, piano works CD & DVD



Schumann, piano works



Tschaikowsky, songs with Nadia Krasteva



Caprice Viennoise with Luka Kusztrich



## **REVIEWS** (SELECTION)

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"The idea of the whole being more than the sum of its parts is made tangible by Dora Deliyska's B-A-C-H Project. The Viennese-trained, Bulgarian-born pianist manages to combine excerpts from Bach's Well Tempered Clavier with corresponding selections from Shostakovich's Preludes and Fugues op.87 and Chopin Etudes in such a way that the collection becomes an artwork itself" Frank Siebert

"Here is a true musician, one who endeavours to penetrate to the depths of the works... Her interpretations contain strong emotions, but this pianist does not simply unload them; Dora Deliyska takes the listeners by the hand and leads them with her through a circumspect performance full of wonderful tone culture, subtle nuance, and consistent candour into the heart of Schubert's music. Her interpretations emanate an inner calm that becomes a lasting experience." Guy Wagner

artist portrait in Musikverein monthly newspaper







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