

# simon höfele

trumpet



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Simon Höfele, 24, is one of the most exciting trumpeters of the up-and-coming generation. He is BBC Radio3 new generation artist, “Junger Wilder” at Konzerthaus Dortmund, “SWR2 New Talent” of the German public-service broadcaster SWR, and furthermore he won the special “U21” award at the ARD International Music Competition and the German Music Competition in 2016 a.o. In the season 2019/20 Simon will be Rising Star of the European Concert Hall Organisation (ECHO), nominated by Philharmonie

Cologne, Konzerthaus Dortmund and Elbphilharmonie Hamburg.

He has already made his solo debut with such orchestras as the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, Shanghai Philharmonic, BBC Philharmonic, BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, Ulster Orchestra, Rundfunk-Sinfonieorchester Berlin, Konzerthausorchester Berlin, SWR Symphonieorchester, Beethoven Orchester Bonn, Mahler Chamber Orchestra, Münchener Kammerorchester and

Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen, also at Bozar Brussels, Konzerthaus Berlin and important festivals such as Cheltenham Music Festival, MiTo in Milano and Torino, Schleswig-Holstein Musikfestival, Rheingau Musik Festival, Festspiele Mecklenburg-Vorpommern and many others. In the season 18/19 Simon gives his debut at Wigmore Hall and Saffron Hall London, Tonhalle Zürich, Casino Basel, Konzerthaus Wien, Prinzregententheater München, Konzerthaus Dortmund and with Berner Symphonieorchester, MDR Sinfonieorchester, NDR Radiophilharmonie, Staatskapelle Halle, Deutsche Radio Philharmonie and others.

In addition to well-known trumpet repertoire ranging from Telemann, Tartini, Haydn, Hummel and Mozart to Jolivet, Arutjunjan and Zimmermann, Simon Höfele also frequently performs contemporary music. For example, in 2012, together with Reinhold Friedrich and the Schleswig-Holstein Festival Orchestra conducted by Matthias Pintscher, he gave the first performance of Pintscher's double concerto for two trumpets and orchestra ("Chute d'étoiles"). In 2015, he premiered "Tangle", a work for solo trumpet and

brass quintet by Nina Šenk, in Weingarten, Germany, and "Imaginary Garden" by Hope Lee at a master course run by the School of Creative and Performing Arts of the University of Calgary, Canada.

Simon Höfele also plays chamber music of every variety with great enthusiasm. His partners include the pianists Frank Dupree, Magdalena Müllerperth, Eriko Takezawa and Kärt Ruubel.

Born in 1994, Simon Höfele first had trumpet lessons aged seven in his home town of Darmstadt. Five years later, he became a preparatory student of Reinhold Friedrich, who took him into his trumpet class at the Karlsruhe Musikhochschule as a 14-year-old. A year later, he became a member of the German National Youth Orchestra (Bundesjugendorchester), then also of the Vienna-based Gustav Mahler Jugendorchester and the Orchestral Academy of the Schleswig-Holstein Musik Festival. He has also attended courses held by Ensemble Modern and German Brass, and received instruction from well-known professors such as Edward H. Tarr, Klaus Schuhwerk, Wim van Hasselt, Frits Damrow, Urban Agnas, Luis Gonzalez, Peter Lohse, Hannes

Läubin, Kristian Steenstrup, Eric Aubier and Jeroen Berwaerts.

Alongside his musical projects, Simon Höfele is also active in cultural politics, and has founded the association “Kunstverlust”, for which he, as a photographer, portrays people who work to support art and prevent its destruction.

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