



william youn piano

Seoul, Boston, Hanover, Como, Munich: Born in 1982, William Youn first discovered the piano in a kindergarten in Korea and after early studies in his home country and in a boarding school in the USA, William again changed continents to study at the Hanover University of Music and at the Piano Academy Lake Como, where he worked regularly with Karl-Heinz Kämmerling, Dmitri Bashkirov, Andreas Staier, William Grant Naboré and Menahem Pressler.

Based now in his adopted hometown of Munich, Germany, William performs internationally from Berlin via Seoul to New York with major orchestras, including Cleveland Orchestra, Munich Philharmonic Orchestra, Deutsches Symphonie-Orchester Berlin, Munich Chamber Orchestra, National Orchestra of Belgium, Mariinsky Theater and Seoul Philharmonic Orchestra, and makes regular music appearances in renowned halls, including the Elbphilharmonie Hamburg, Pierre Boulez Hall Berlin, Prinzregententheater Munich, Konzerthaus Wien, Wigmore Hall London, Toppan Hall Tokyo and Seoul Arts Center, or at festivals such as the Schubertiade, Schleswig-Holstein Music Festival, Rheingau Music Festival, Heidelberger Frühling and MDR Musiksommer. William also performs increasingly on fortepiano at venues, such as the Mecklenburg Vorpommern Festival, Mozart Festival in Würzburg and Schwetzingen SWR Festival.

A keen chamber musician, William enjoys close collaborations with violist Nils Mönkemeyer, clarinetist Sabine Meyer, cellist Julian Steckel, violinists Carolin Widmann and Veronika Eberle, the Aris Quartet and the author Ferdinand von Schirach.

William Youn's extensive discography includes recordings on Sony Classical, Oehms Classics and ECM. Most recently, after several recordings with violist Nils Mönkemeyer and his solo album "Schumann-Liszt-Schubert", William has started a new project for Sony Classical in 2020 to record all the Schubert piano sonatas. In a review, Fono Forum stated: "Youn's playing impresses with its flawless, perfectly realized naturalness."

His Mozart sonata cycle, previously released by Oehms Classics was highly praised in the press and awarded numerous prizes.

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