

# LISA SMIRNOVA

## BIOGRAPHY

Austrian-Russian pianist Lisa Smirnova is an internationally recognized concert artist renowned for her interpretations of baroque and Classical repertoire. The Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung recently remarked that her “sense of style, use of phrasing and ornamentation and tempi, that make the piano an instrument of harmony of vibrating strings, gave her performance its transcendent and unmistakable character.”

Lisa Smirnova appears in the world’s finest recital halls – the Wigmore Hall London, the Musikverein and Konzerthaus Vienna, Suntory Hall Tokyo, Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall as well as the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam and has also appeared at the Salzburg Festival, the Lucerne Festival, Schleswig-Holstein and Salzburg’s Mozartwoche. She performs with distinguished conductors such as Manfred Honeck, Carlos Kalmar, Andrey Boreyko, John Storgards, and Ivor Bolton among others. A champion of contemporary music, the artist regularly collaborates with renowned composers such as Wolfgang Rihm, Rodion Schedrin, Giya Kancheli and Valentin Silvestrov. Highlights this season include performances with the Salzburg Chamber Soloists, Tallinn Sinfonietta, Ljubljana and Belgrade Philharmonics, and the Kuopio and Lahti Philharmonic orchestra at major European concert halls such as Vienna Konzerthaus and Cologne Philharmonic Hall among others, and a US Tour.

Ms. Smirnova will also perform a full cycle of Bach concerti for keyboard, as well as local premieres of “Concerto for myself” by Friedrich Gulda. She will be featured on disc with violinist Benjamin Schmid performing works by Shostakovich, Prokofiev and Weill.

Her recordings, spanning the standard repertoire, have been given the highest praise by critics worldwide. Her debut album for ECM of the Eight Great Suites by Georg Friedrich Handel won the BBC Instrumental Choice of the year in 2011. The Financial Times remarked that “...Smirnova shows, what we, and most pianists, have been missing, for she paints the giges, fugues and sarabandes with such spirit and wit, that it’s impossible not to be won over by their joy and sophistication.”