

## **Pianist HyeJin Kim**

Praised by critics for her, "passionate...polished and expressive," performances, a native of South Korea pianist HyeJin Kim is one of South Korea's most thrilling young classical stars. Born in Seoul, she began playing her instrument at age five, and later enrolled at the prestigious Yewon Arts School. She furthered her studies in Germany, earning her MA in Musical Art as a "Konzertexamen" (highest distinction) from Berlin's Hochschule für Musik Hanns Eisler. She is currently continuing her studies at the Colburn School as a "Artist Diploma" with Professor Fabio Bidini.

Ms.Kim first attracted international attention at age 17 when, as its youngest participant, she won third prize in the prestigious Busoni Competition in Italy. Andrea Bonatta, the Head of the Jury, said, "I am thrilled about her flawless musicality and technique, which promises success as an internationally recognized pianist." Since then, Ms Kim has received numerous awards including prizes at the 2008 Hong Kong International Piano Competition, the DAAD Prize, Steinway & Sons Advancement Award Competition and at the Toronto International Piano Competition.

She has performed and toured with numerous orchestras including the Hr.Sinfonieorchester, Konzerhaus orchester Berlin, Schumann Philharmonie, Praha Broadcast orchestra, Budapest symphony orchestras, Seoul, Dae-jeon, Pilsen and Moravian philharmonic orchestras, State Symphony Orchestra of St. Petersburg, Nürnberger Symphoniker and the Nordwestdeutsche Philharmonie. She has worked with noted conductors including Andreas-Orozco-Estrada, Shi-Yeon Sung, George Mester, Achim Fiedler, Ola Rudner, Tomáš Hanus, Jiri Malat and Dae Jin Kim. Ms.Kim made her major label debut in 2013 with her recording of Rachmaninov's Piano Concertos Nos. 1 & 2, with the Armenian Philharmonic Orchestra under Eduard Topchjan, on Sony Classical.

She is also invited on several occasions to participate in international venues and music festivals, including the Konzerthaus of Berlin, the Herkulesaal of Munich, the Rudolfinum/Dvorak Hall and Smetana Hall of Prague, Seoul Arts Center, Napavalley Festival del sole, Klavier Festival Ruhr, The Korea Symphony Festival, Cesky Krumlov Festival, Praha Spring Festival and Kotor Arts Festival...etc and has participated in masterclasses given by by Jean-Yves-Tibaudet, Yoheved Kaplinsky, Jerome Rose, Robert Macdonald, Aquiles delle Vigne and Bernd Geotzke.

HyeJin Kim is currently represented by IMG Artists. She continues her musical performances in various venues around the world not only as a soloist but also as part of a chamber and other forms of musical challenges, and her future path is highly noticeable.