

Christian Strauß - Pianist



Christian Strauß was born in 1978 in Saarbrücken. He grew up near to Idar-Oberstein (Rheinland-Pfalz). He started to play the piano at the age of seven and was taught for many years by his father Robert Strauß.

1996-1998 he studied with Prof. Leonid Kontorowski (Reutlingen), who was a former teacher of the conservatory in Saratow (Russia). Christian Strauß won several first prizes as soloist and in chamber-music at the German competitions "Jugend musiziert".

1999-2004 he was studying at the "Musikhochschule Mainz" with the polish pianist Prof. Lidia Grychtolowna, who is a jury member of the international "Frédéric-Chopin-Competition" in Warsaw, and made his first exam as a pianist in 2004.

2004-2007 he studied with the same teacher and in February 2007 he achieved his second exam ("Konzertexamen") with best marks, which is the highest level of musical education in Germany.

Christian Strauß worked together with conductors like Christian Kluttig ("Staatsorchester Rheinische Philharmonie Koblenz"), Michael Hofstetter and Matthias Breitschaft. The French conductor Michel Plasson was very impressed of Strauß' interpretation of Schumanns "Carnaval".

Christian Strauß played in several international master-classes for piano, with Lazar Berman (at the "Schleswig-Holstein-Musikfestival"), Bruno-Leonardo Gelber, Günter Ludwig, Hans Leygraf and Bernard Roberts.

In July 2005 Strauß played a solo-recital in Minsk (Belarus) and it was so successful, that he was also invited for 2006.

He participated in several national and international piano-competitions, for example the "Clara Haskil"-concours 2005 in Vevey (Swiss) or the "Maria Canals competition" in Barcelona 2006.

In 2006 he won a scholarship of the ZIRP (Zukunftsinitiative Rheinland-Pfalz).

Christian Strauß is also very interested in chamber-music and working as a répétiteur. He played in many concerts in Germany and other countries as soloist or as a chamber-musician. Strauß is also a very experienced piano-teacher and in 2008 he will be a jury member of the German competition "Jugend musiziert".

In the internet you can find more information about Christian Strauß and you can also listen to some music-pieces:

www.konzertpianist-strauss.de or **www.Isis-Concert-Group.org**

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