

GORAN FILIPEC • BIOGRAPHY

Pianist



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SHORT BIOGRAPHY

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MEDIUM BIOGRAPHY

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Filipec's artistic work brings together performance, recording and research. His programs and recordings often explore the virtuoso piano tradition through imaginative programming and historically informed insight, placing well-known masterpieces alongside rarities and rediscovered repertoire. Whether on stage or in the studio, his approach seeks to reveal the rich cultural and aesthetic contexts from which this repertoire emerged.

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As recitalist and soloist with orchestras, Filipec performs throughout Europe, the Americas and Japan, appearing in major venues including the Mariinsky Theatre, Carnegie Hall, Philharmonie de Paris, Teatro Colón and Minato Mirai Hall.

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LONG BIOGRAPHY

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His discography for Naxos Music Group comprises fifteen albums devoted largely to Liszt and the virtuoso piano repertoire. These recordings have received wide international

acclaim and have been highlighted by magazines including Gramophone and Record Geijutsu. The albums Hungarian Fantasy (2021) and Paganini Studies (2016) were awarded the Grand Prix International du Disque of the Budapest Liszt Society.

Filipec studied with Marina Ambokadze and Evgeny Zarfians at the Ino Mirkovich Academy of Music and the Zagreb Academy of Music. He later continued his studies at the Oxana Yablonskaya Piano Institute, with Naum Grubert at the Royal Conservatoire of The Hague (Master of Piano), and with Natalia Trull at the P. I. Tchaikovsky Moscow State Conservatory (Aspirantura).

He holds a PhD in Music from the joint doctoral program of Sorbonne Université and the Conservatoire National Supérieur de Musique et de Danse de Paris, where his research focused on nineteenth- and twentieth-century performing practices and the aesthetics of virtuoso piano interpretation under the supervision of Jean-Pierre Bartoli and Denis Pascal. Alongside his international concert career, he teaches at the Academy of Arts and Culture in Osijek and at the Doctoral School of the J. J. Strossmayer University. He is also co-founder of the Société Franz Liszt de Genève.

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