



Bulgarian Virtuosi Artists

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DENITSA LAFFCHIEVA, CLARINET



Denitsa Laffchieva, born 1980 in Sofia, Bulgaria, is one of the premiere young performers of the instrument today. Denitsa made her début as a soloist at the age of 14 in the Great Bulgaria Hall with the Sophia Philharmonic. Numerous national and international competitions and awards, renowned festivals and world premieres built her strong international reputation as the Bulgarian clarinet prodigy.

Denitsa toured extensively throughout Europe, Japan and Middle East, playing as a soloist with the major European orchestras. She made her international debut at the age of 15 and at the age of 18 recorded her first solo CD for Music Minus Ones- New York, with the emblematic Mozart Clarinet Concerto. She was awarded Musician of the Year 2000 by the Bulgarian National Radio and In 2003 was given the prestigious scholarship for extraordinary musicianship of the Herbert von Karajan foundation in Vienna, which was followed by another CD recording of Mozart's Clarinet Concerto this time published by BMG-Ricordi. The CD was nominated with numerous prestigious

awards and was best selling among the other CD's from the series Soloists in Concert. For her performance of the concerto the famous conductor Gennady Rojdestvensky is saying- "...Denitsa Laffchieva is an amazing clarinetist; her performance is always to a highest level and fully deserves the highest acclaims!" In 2004, at the age of 24 only, Denitsa was the youngest musician ever given the prestigious award of the Republic of Bulgaria for Outstanding Contribution to the Bulgarian Culture.

Denitsa Laffchieva studied in some of the finest European music institutions: the Royal Academy of Music in London, the Vienna University of Music and Performing Arts and the National Academy of Music in Sofia and have obtained her Master Degree with highest honours at the early age of 20. She studied with some of the most significant living clarinetists, such as Peter Schmidl (Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra), Petko Radev (Teatro della Scala di Milano), Mark van de Wiel (Philharmonia Orchestra) and Andrew Marriner (London Symphony Orchestra). Peter Schmidl is saying: "...Denitsa is one of the most talented young clarinetists of her generation."

Denitsa now lives in London. She recently worked with Sir Colin Davis, André Previn, Sir Charles Mackerras, Kristof Eberle, Jacob Kreizberg, Valeri Gergiev at the Pacific Music Festival in Japan, Vienna Philharmonic Soloists (which concert was one of the highlights of the Pacific Music Festival) and many other conductors and orchestras and recently recorded her fifth solo CD for the prestigious Golden Found of Historical Recordings of the Bulgarian National Radio. In January 2007 Denitsa made her highly acclaimed debut recital at the prestigious Wigmore Hall in London with the famous pianist Viktoria Postnikova. Highlight in the 2008 season is her Carnegie Hall debut recital in October. Denitsa Laffchieva is presented by the Bulgarian Virtuosi Artists - www.BulgarianVirtuosi.com/denitsalaffchieva.html



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