

ROBERT LEHRBAUMER

Viennese conductor - pianist - organist

Robert Lehrbaumer counts among the most important Austrian interpreters and is one of the most many-sided musician in the international concert scene.

Born in Vienna, Robert Lehrbaumer started his career at the age of 9 when he made his appearance as a pianist in Austria, Germany and Switzerland. Since then, concert tours have brought him, later also as a conductor and as an organist, to almost all European countries and capitals, to North, Central and South America, to the Near East, South-East Asia, Korea and Japan, in famous venues like Vienna's Musikverein and Konzerthaus to New York's Carnegie-Hall and Tokyo's Suntory Hall.



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Robert Lehrbaumer began to study piano at the age of six. From 8 to 13 he was a member of the Mozart Boys Choir in Vienna. Two years later, he entered the Vienna University of Music and Dramatic Art to study piano with Gertrud Schwarzbauer and Hermann Schwertmann (a student of the Liszt-student Emil von Sauer, which makes Robert Lehrbaumer being a follower of Franz Liszt, Carl Czerny, Ludwig Beethoven and Joseph Haydn) and Heinz Medjimorec, organ with Dr. Rudolf Scholz, conducting with Otmar Suitner and composing with Thomas Christian David.

Prizes in numerous competitions, for example Geneva 1985, and scholarships by Bösendorfer, the Alban Berg Stiftung and the Culture Ministry of Austria distinguished the young interpreter.

When he was 11, he had his first appearance as a soloist with orchestras and has since performed concerts - either as a soloist or as a conductor or both - with the Vienna Philharmonic, Vienna Symphony Orchestra, RSO Wien - Vienna Radio Symphonic Orchestra, Vienna Chamber Orchestra, NTO, Vienna International Orchestra, Vienna Residence Orchestra, Vienna Hofburg Orchestra (Empire Court Orchestra Vienna), Bruckner Orchestra Linz, Mozarteum Orchestra Salzburg, Camerata Salzburg, Ensemble "die reihe" and with many foreign orchestras like Budapest Symphony Orchestra, Cappella Istropolitana, Orchestra „Ensemble Classico" Switzerland, Orchestra Sinfonica di Roma, Sicily Chamber Orchestra, Martha Argerich Festival Orchestra Japan, Orquesta Sinfónica del Estado de México, Lebanon Philharmonic Orchestra and many more.

When appearing as a soloist he has performed under the baton of conductors such as Claudio Abbado, Yehudi Menuhin, Sandor Végh, André Previn, Michel Plasson, Leopold Hager....

Musical partnerships with Wolfgang Schneiderhan, Anton Dermota, Walter Berry, Angelika Kirchschlager, Bo Skovhus, Friedrich Gulda, Rudolf Schock, Philippe Entremont, members of Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra and others.

Robert Lehrbaumer pursued his careers as an organist and as a pianist and as a conductor simultaneously. His special piano-organ-recitals are popular events for which he gets rave reviews, similar to his performances as a conducting soloist with concertos of Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin, Liszt and Gershwin.

He has participated in numerous festivals such as the Vienna Festival, Salzburg Festival, Brucknerfest/Linz, Carinthian Summer Ossiach, Bregenz Spring, Luzern Music Festival, Nuremberg Organ-Week, Slovakia Spring-Festival, Schubert-Festival/Washington D.C., Festival Cervantino/ Mexico, Martha Argerich Festival Japan.

At the age of 25, he played the first time a solo-recital in the renowned cycle "Master-Interpreters" in the Vienna Konzerthaus, together with Abbado, Sinopoli, Previn, Caballé and Brendel.

In addition, Robert Lehrbaumer has made recordings for radio and TV stations, LP and CD (Sony, RCA-Ariola/Red Seal, Amadeo, ORF, Belvedere, KKM, Preiser Records); he has starred in films and videos.

He teaches at international master courses in Austria and abroad and holds master classes at universities in Europe, USA, Mexico and Asia. He is teaching at the Vienna Prayner Conservatory - his students are prize-winners of international competitions. He is also member and president of international competitions' juries.

In 2014 he has been awarded the honorary title „Professor" by the Austrian Federal President.

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