

Shalamov Piano Duo

Alina Shalamova and Nikolay Shalamov

Biography

“There is no greater piano duo in this generation than Alina and Nikolay Shalamov.” (Prof. Eckard Heintz, Nymphenburger Sommer, July 21, 2017)

The Shalamov Piano Duo, founded in 2009, is a remarkable ensemble: two individual pianists, musicians and artists performing in extraordinary symbiosis - two personalities, each with their own ideas and perceptions, who become unified through making music. Despite their young age, their collaboration has already yielded extraordinary results.

Their greatest success to date is the 1st prize at the 2015 International ARD Competition - a prize that had previously only been awarded twice in the competition's 63-year history. Among other awards, they also won the 1st prize as well as the award for the best interpretation of a composition by Franz Schubert at the Piano Duo Competition in Jeseník (Czech Republic) in 2015. Other accolades include the Musikpreis of the Bruno Frey Foundation in 2015 and 1st prize in the “Verfemte Musik” competition in Schwerin in 2016. Alina and Nikolay Shalamov underwent their training as a duo at the National Academy of Music “Pantcho Vladigerov” in Sofia in the class of Prof. Milena Mollova, who was among the few students of the legendary Emil Gilels, as well as at the Escuela Superior de Música “Reina Sofia” Madrid, with Ralf Gothóni, Eldar Nebolsin, Kennedy Moretti and Alexander Bonduryanski. Most recently, the duo studied with Hans-Peter and Volker Stenzl at the Rostock University of Music and Theatre. Masterclasses with Jacques Rouvier as well as the duo Tami Kanazawa and Yuval Admony (Japan/Israel) round off their studies.

- 1st prize, audience prize and prize for the best interpretation of the commissioned composition at the ARD Competition 2015
- Concerts with (among others) the Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra, Norddeutsche Philharmonie and the Sofia Philharmonic Orchestra
- Concerts e.g. in the Chamber Music Hall of the Berlin Philharmonic, the Auditorio Nacional Madrid, the Palau de la Música Barcelona the Philharmonie Luxembourg the Palais des Beaux Arts Brussels and the Konzerthaus Berlin
- Invitations e.g. to the Rheingau Musik Festival and the Nymphenburger Sommer
- 2019 Debut in the Tonhalle Zurich
- 2020 Invitations to the Lancaster Piano-Festival and to the Elbphilharmonie Hamburg
- 2023 Founding, artistic direction and first performance of the Berlin Piano Duo Festival with concerts (with two commissioned compositions), masterclasses and a children’s concert.

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