

Noriko Ogawa

Piano

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"...ravishingly poetic playing..." *Sunday Telegraph*



Noriko Ogawa has achieved considerable renown throughout the world since her success at the Leeds International Piano Competition. Noriko's "ravishingly poetic playing" (Telegraph) sets her apart from her contemporaries, and acclaim for her complete Debussy series with BIS Records confirms her as a fine Debussy specialist. Her Images Book I and II were chosen as the top recommendation for their "exquisite delicacy" by BBC Radio 3's CD Review in January 2014. Noriko's latest recording for BIS records is of solo piano music by Eric Satie.

Noriko appears with all the major European, Japanese and US orchestras including the Polish National Radio Symphony Orchestra, Tchaikovsky Symphony Orchestra of Moscow Radio, BBC Philharmonic Orchestra, Czech National Symphony Orchestra, St. Petersburg Symphony Orchestra, as well as the BBC Symphony Orchestra for the world premiere of Richard Dubugnon's Piano Concerto. Noriko made her BBC Proms debut in August 2013 and appeared again in 2014 with the Endymion Ensemble. She was the Artistic Director for the Reflections on Debussy Festival 2012 at Bridgewater Hall. In 2015 she continued as Associate Artist for Ravel and Rachmaninov Festival.

As a recitalist and chamber musician with her piano duet partner Kathryn Stott, Noriko has performed Malcolm Arnold's Concerto for Two Pianos at the 2013 BBC Proms. Noriko regularly judges the BBC Young Musician, Munich International Piano Competition, Honens International Piano Competition and the Scottish International Piano Competition. Noriko has been appointed as Chairperson of the Jury for Japan's prestigious 10th Hamamatsu International Piano Competition in 2018.

Noriko is passionate about charity work. Since the tsunami in Japan in 2011 she has raised over £40,000 for the British Red Cross Japan Tsunami Fund. Noriko founded Jamie's Concerts, a series for autistic children and parents, and is a Cultural Ambassador for the National Autistic Society. Noriko is a professor at Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

"Ogawa is unfailingly beautiful, truly poetic" *Music Web International*

NEWS

New Recording SATIE SOLO PIANO

Noriko has released a new disc for BIS Records, of solo piano works by **Erik Satie**, recorded on an 1890 Erard grand piano. The disc received high praise from **Classic FM**, **Gramophone** and **The Arts Desk**.



Dubugnon World Premiere with BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Noriko gave the world premiere of Richard Dubugnon's Piano Concerto *Klavieriana* at London's Barbican Centre with the BBC Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Fabian Gabel. The concert was broadcast on BBC Radio 3.



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REVIEWS

'This is an exquisite presentation that other pianists should envy. Highly recommended.' [MOZART DISC - ALL MUSIC](#)



'Just one of myriad spell-binding moments where clarity of local detail, a broader sense of gesture and an awareness of the structural whole are in perfect alliance, supported by superb sound.' [BBC MUSIC MAGAZINE](#)



'What sets her apart from other pianists is her wonderful sense of timing... [Ogawa] allows the music to breathe, while maintaining the forward momentum.' [THE TIMES](#)



'The soloist, Noriko Ogawa, played with crystalline precision in striking music that alternates between percussive chords and floating melismas' [THE OBSERVER](#)



'Ogawa's playing has immense sensitivity and command – an excellent start to this cycle.' [\[DEBUSSY IMAGES SETS 1 & 2 \(BIS\)\] - GRAMOPHONE](#)

SELECTED DISCOGRAPHY



MOZART (BIS: BIS1985)
Piano Sonatas No. 10, 11, 12

"One would hope that Ogawa has much more Mozart to offer, because this is an exquisite presentation that other pianists should envy. Highly recommended."
[ALL MUSIC](#)



DEBUSSY (BIS-CD-1405/1205/1355/1455/1405 (2001-2011))
Piano Music, Vol. 1 – Vol.5

"Her playing is never less than sensitive and beautiful, the melting texture she extracts at the end of the *Suite bergamasque's* 'Passepied' being just one of myriad exquisite moments" [BBC MUSIC MAGAZINE](#)



RACHMANINOV (BIS-CD-975)
Piano Concertos Nos. 1 & 4; Rhapsody on a theme of Paganini, Op. 43
Malmö Symfoniorkeste

"The clarity of Ogawa's fingerwork in some of the fast passagework in the Finale is a joy to behold, as is her seductive and caressing approach to the slow movement"
[BBC MUSIC MAGAZINE](#)



TAKEMITSU (BIS CD-1300)
A String Around Autumn
BBC National Orchestra of Wales

"...sensual playing."
[BBC MUSIC MAGAZINE](#)

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CONCERTO REPERTOIRE

- ANDERSON** Piano Concerto in C
ARNOLD Concerto for Two Piano (Three Hands)
BARTOK Piano Concerto No.3 in E major
Rhapsody for Piano and Orchestra Op.1
Concerto for Two Pianos, Percussions, and Orchestra
- BEETHOVEN** Piano Concerto No.1 Op.15 in C major
Piano Concerto No.2 Op.19 in B flat major
Piano Concerto No.3 Op.37 in C minor
Piano Concerto No.4 Op.58 in G major
Piano Concerto No.5 Op.73 in E flat major
Chorale Fantasy
- BRAHMS** Piano Concerto No.1 Op.15 in D minor
CHAMINADE Piano Concerto
CHOPIN Piano Concerto No.1 Op.11 in E minor
DEBUSSY Piano Concerto Fantasy for Piano & Orchestra
FITKIN Circuit
FRANCK Symphonic Variations
FUJIKURA Ampere - Concerto for Piano and Orchestra
GERSHWIN Rhapsody in Blue
Concerto in F
- GRIEG** Piano Concerto Op.16 in A minor
HOLMBOE Piano Concerto No.1 Op.17 (1939)
LISZT Piano Concerto No.1 in E flat major
Piano Concerto No.2 in A major
Totentanz
- MARTINU** Double Concerto
MENDELSSOHN Piano Concerto No.1 Op.15 in G minor
MIYOSHI Piano Concerto
MOZART Piano Concerto No.9 K.271 in E flat
Piano Concerto No.12 K.414 in A
Piano Concerto No.13 K.415 in C
Piano Concerto No.14 K.449 in E flat
Piano Concerto No.17 K.453 in G
Piano Concerto No.19 K.459 in F
Piano Concerto No.20 K.466 in D minor
Piano Concerto No.21 K.467 in C
Piano Concerto No.22 K.482 in E flat
Piano Concerto No.23 K.488 in A
Piano Concerto No.24 K.491 in C minor
- NICHOLSON**
PROKOFIEV
RACHMANINOV Piano Concerto No.24 K.491 in C minor
Piano Concerto No.27 K.595 in B flat
New Piece 2008
Piano Concerto No.3 Op.26 in C major
Piano Concerto No.1 Op.1 in F-sharp minor
Piano Concerto No.2 Op.18 in C minor
Piano Concerto No.3 Op.30 in D minor
Piano Concerto No.4 Op.40 in G minor
Rhapsody on a theme by Paganini Op.43
Piano Concerto in G major
Piano Concerto for the left hand in D major
Piano Concerto
Piano Concerto Op.31
Piano Concerto No.1 Op.17 in D major
Piano Concerto No.2 Op.22 G minor
'Wedding Cake' Op.76 A-flat major
Piano concerto for the left hand
'Wanderer Fantasy' Op.15 in C major
Piano Concerto Op.54 in A minor
Introduction and Allegro Appassionato Op.92 in G major
Piano (& Trumpet) Concerto No.1 Op.35 in C minor
Piano Concerto No.2 Op.102 in F major
Burliske for Piano and Orchestra in D minor
Piano Concerto No.1 Op. 23 in B-flat minor
Concert Fantasia for Piano and Orchestra in G Op.56
Fantasie
Riverrun
Quotation of Dream for Two Pianos and Orchestra
Asterism
Piano Concerto No.1 Op.12
Piano Concerto No.2 Op.26
Piano Concerto No.3 Op.48
Piano Concerto No.4 'Fantasie'
Piano Concerto No.5 Op.96
Piano Concerto No.6 Op.99
- RAVEL**
RIMSKY KORSAKOV
SÆVERUD
SAINT-SAENS
SCHMIDT
SCHUBERT
SCHUMANN
SHOSTAKOVICH
STRAUSS
TCHAIKOVSKY
TAKEMITSU
TCHEREPNIN

