

Pavel Kolesnikov

Piano

"Pavel Kolesnikov is an engrossing musician. He is perhaps the most introspective and meditative pianist that I know of, and with his deep and delicate sensitivity to sound, he is able to bring out a sophisticated gradation of colours particularly in the quieter ranges of the instrument. He is a poet of the piano, rather than say, a novelist or a storyteller." Bachtrack, October 2018

Pavel Kolesnikov became Prize Laureate of the Honens International Piano Competition in 2012, and recital and festival appearances resulting from the Honens Prize include Zankel Hall at Carnegie Hall, Berlin's Konzerthaus, the Louvre (Paris), Vancouver Recital Society, La Jolla Music Society, Spoleto Festival USA, Canada's Ottawa ChamberFest and Banff Summer Festival.

Pavel has performed with the Toronto Symphony and Calgary Philharmonic, the Malta Philharmonic Orchestra, the Russian National Philharmonic, London Philharmonic, Philharmonia Orchestra, Orquestra Sinfônica Brasileira, the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, the Hallé, the BBC Symphony, the BBC Philharmonic, the BBC Scottish, and the BBC National Orchestra of Wales. He has undertaken UK and European tours with the Tchaikovsky Symphony Orchestra, the Czech National Symphony and Flanders Symphony Orchestras. Pavel made his BBC Proms debut performing Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto no. 2 with the National Youth Orchestra of Scotland conducted by Ilan Volkov. He also joined the BBC Proms at the inaugural event in Australia. Pavel will perform his first Beethoven Concerto cycle with Sinfonia Cymru during the 2020 Beethoven anniversary year.

He has given recitals at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London, as part of the international Piano Series, and at Kings Place, London. He enjoys collaborating with other musicians, such as the Brahms Violin and Viola Sonatas with Lawrence Power, again at the Queen Elizabeth Hall in London. Pavel has also given recitals in South Korea, Japan, Spain, and Germany, and at the La Roque d'Antheron festival, the Musiq3 Festival in Brussels, and the Aldeburgh Festival. He returns regularly to the Wigmore Hall in London.

London-based Pavel Kolesnikov was born in Siberia into a family of scientists. He studied both the piano and violin for ten years, before concentrating solely on the piano. He has studied at Moscow State Conservatory with Sergey Dorensky, at London's Royal College of Music with Norma Fisher and at Brussels' Queen Elisabeth Music Chapel with Maria João Pires thanks to the generous support of Mr Christopher D Budden, the RCM Scholarship Foundation and Hattori Foundation. Pavel is the recipient of the Milstein Medal and is the RCM Benjamin Britten Piano Fellow. Pavel was a member of BBC Radio 3's New Generation Artists from 2014 to 2016.