

Valentina Seferinova

Award winning pianist Valentina Seferinova, hailed as a talented child prodigy, gave her first public performance at the age of eight, and her first performance as soloist with orchestra when twelve years old, performing Haydn's D major Concerto with her hometown orchestra, the Vidin Philharmonic. She studied under Professor Dr. Lubomir Dinolov at the Bulgarian State Conservatory in Sofia, gaining her Master of Music (Theory) degree; later becoming Assistant Professor of Music (Performance) there aged only twenty-seven.

A frequent performer on Bulgarian National Radio and Television, her reputation for the interpretation of works by Romantic era composers soon spread outside Bulgaria and led to the rare honour of being invited by the Trustees of the Claude Debussy House & Museum, St. Germain-en-Laye, Paris, together with fellow pianist Emilia Mihaylova, to give the annual Anniversary Recital in the auditorium, previously the composer's bedroom. This was quickly followed by an invitation to give a private solo performance for the AGM of the International Rachmaninov Society, whose President at the time was the Russian maestro, Vladimir Ashkenazy. Valentina was subsequently invited to give three further recitals for the Society (1999, 2005, and 2009) – including one in London in the presence of two of the composer's great grandchildren, which earned her a standing ovation.

Her career continued with performances across Europe including Russia, Poland, Ukraine, France, the UK, and Turkey. Valentina quickly garnered a reputation not only for the 'classics', but for championing those 'long lost' composers whose works she felt had been unjustly ignored.

Such an interest and reputation resulted in recording contracts with a number of European record companies, chief amongst these being the Polish label Acte Préalable with whom she has recorded five CDs comprising music by Zygmunt Noskowski and the complete extant solo piano music of Ludomir Różycki

Her most recent recording project was as a soloist of the Ukrainian Festival Orchestra under Grammy winning conductor John McLaughlin Williams, performing two concertos for piano by the young award winning French composer, Corentin Boissier. This CD was issued by the Toccata label. An even more recent agreement will see her in a Warsaw recording studio next April.

She now lives in the UK where, among her many teaching responsibilities, she is a Lecturer in the Music Faculty of Southampton University.

Valentina currently has a busy schedule of teaching and performances, together with raising a family with her British husband in Hampshire, UK, where any other free time is spent dog walking.

More information can be found at www.ValentinaSeferinova.com and some of her performances from the last 20 years may be viewed on her YouTube channel.

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