

## SPECIAL FEATURE on JAN ŠKRDLÍK

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Birth: 31st October 1964

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Jan Škrdlík (born in Ostrava) is a Czech cellist, of the younger school of the Czech cello players, an artist, a writer and a teacher. The family came from Slovácko, a rural region in the south of the country. Jan Škrdlík started to take part in competitions in the late 1980s, both as a solo musician and as part of ensembles, and won his first awards. His greatest success was the Silver Medal and the Special Prize for the best rendering of a Beethoven composition at the prestigious International Beethoven Contest in Hradec. He joined the Wallinger Quartet, a highly respected chamber music ensemble, a position that brought with it many opportunities to perform in the Czech Republic and beyond in the early 1990s. They quartet also recorded many discs.

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Jan Škrdlík's social involvement and scholarly activities have had indirect influences on the direction and nature of his music. They fall into three categories: Charity and welfare, Academic development and language (fluent in Spanish), and Academic development and the science of acoustics.

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In 1997-2009 Jan Škrdlík taught violoncello and chamber music performance at the Brno Conservatory. Jan Škrdlík has written a book of poetry, *Tvá slova* ["Thy Words"], and several sociologically oriented popular articles, published in *Kamínky* journal of the Family and Social Care Centre, Brno. He has also written other pieces in Czech and Spanish.

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Discography - but here only including CD's with him performing solo cello compositions:

JANÁČEK-MARTINŮ-KODÁLY, Jan Škrdlík, Cello, Renata Ardaševová, Piano, Edice Českého rozhlasu, 1998

J.S.BACH - CELLO SUITES, Jan Škrdlík, Cello, Gnosis, 2002

MYSLIVEČEK-SUK-JANÁČEK-ŠTĚDRŮŇ, Brno Chamber Soloists (Brněnští komorní sólisté), Jan Škrdlík, Cello, Gnosis, 2004

HAYDEN WAYNE - DANCES FOR CELLO AND PIANO & STRING QUINTET, Jan Škrdlík, Cello, Petra Besa Pospíšilová, Piano, WALLINGER QUARTET, New Millennium, 2004

J.CH.BACH-MOZART-JANÁČEK-ŠTĚDRŮŇ, Brno Chamber Soloists (Brněnští komorní sólisté), Michiko Otaki, Piano, Jan Škrdlík, Cello, Art Petra Production, 2005

MILOŠ ŠTĚDRŮŇ - AUSTERLITZ, Jan Škrdlík, Cello, Studio  $\pi$  vox, 2007

J.S. BACH - CELLO SUITES & SAMPLER, Double CD, Tenth label anniversary recording, Jan Škrdlík, Cello, Brno Chamber Soloists [Brněnští komorní sólisté], Renata Ardaševová, Piano, and others, Art Petra Production, 2006

BEETHOVEN-DEBUSSY-FRANCK. Jan Škrdlík, Cello, Petra Besa Pospíšilová, Piano, Art Petra Production, 2006

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