

Cellists' Corner

Brief Career Details of Important Cellists

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SPECIAL FEATURE on JAKOB KORANYI

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Swedish cellist Jakob Koranyi has firmly established himself on the classical music scene as one of Europe's most interesting young soloists.

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While still a student, Koranyi won first prizes in national music competitions in Sweden, most notably the prestigious Soloist Prize awarded by the Royal Swedish Academy of Music.

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Koranyi was a Rising Star of the European Concert Hall Organization in 2011/12 and during that season was also awarded the Norwegian Soloist Prize. He was an earlier recipient of numerous awards from international festivals and foundations such as Le Prix d'Honneur and Ferminich Prize from the Verbier Festival, and in 2009 Koranyi received the 2nd Grand Prix at the Rostropovich Competition in Paris.

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The recording and release of his critically acclaimed recital CD "Jakob Koranyi, cello" featuring works by Britten, Ligeti and Brahms was a great impulse to his career. On the strength of this recording he was labelled "*a force to be reckoned with*" by The Strad Magazine.

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Koranyi has an extensive repertoire and whilst he keeps up the traditional cello works, he has also performed premieres of Julia Wolfe's new concerto at the Amsterdam Cello Biennale, Schnelzer's 'Crazy Diamond' Concerto and Andrea Tarrodi's 'Highland Concerto', which she dedicated to Koranyi, and who he will be working with again on another newly composed cello concerto.

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Acclaimed for his commanding virtuosity, delicate sound and passion for diverse and innovative programmes, he has toured Europe extensively, performing in recital as well as a soloist in Vienna, Cologne, Hamburg, Paris, Brussels, Amsterdam, Barcelona, Stockholm and Luxembourg to name a few.

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Koranyi plays on a Joseph Gratiani cello built 1756 in Genoa

Hear him and see him in the following cello works, and you will understand why I estimate him so highly!:

Dvorak Cello Concerto in B Minor:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m3xaVMTZaqM>

Tchaikovsky - Rococo Variations:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3FMOFODd_FY

Debussy - Cello Sonata:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5aQ6uHT4ILA>

J.S. Bach - Cello Suites Nos. 1, 2 and 3 LIVE in one concert:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FYUQYz-0yGw>

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