

Apostolos Palios

Apostolos Palios has been described as “a marvelous pianist” (Cyprien Katsaris), “an extremely gifted, communicative and dedicated musician of great finesse, artistry and charismatic projection, who possesses excellent international potential” (Yonty Solomon).

Born in Greece (Carditsa), in 1979, Palios graduated from the Berlin Music Academy Hanns Eisler with Prof. Georg Sava and the Leipzig Music Academy Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy with Prof. Markus Tomas, where he received master- and soloist diploma with distinction. He also studied chamber music and conducting, as well as musicology at the University of Athens, where he got his PhD. He has received lessons from distinguished artists Aldo Ciccolini, Murray Perahia, Cyprien Katsaris, Yonty Solomon, Roberto Szidon and George Hadjinikos.

He has won scholarships from the Costopoulos Foundation, from the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, from the Greek National Scholarships Foundation, from the State of Leipzig, and from the World in Harmony Foundation. He is the prizewinner of several National and International Piano, Chamber Music and Composition Competitions in Greece, Germany, Spain and Italy. He is also the scholarship winner of the 2006 Gina Bachauer Prize piano competition. He has received a special award from the Academy of Athens and has won the prestigious prizes "Best Greek Young Artist of the Year 2007" and "Best Recording by Greek Artist" from the Association of Greek Critics for Drama and Music.

He has performed at the most important concert halls in the world, like Berlin Philharmonic Hall, Vienna Konzerthaus, New York Carnegie Hall, Oslo Philharmonic Hall, Granada Auditorio de Falla Concert Hall, Athens Megaron Concert Hall. He is a frequent guest at many international festivals in United Kingdom, France, Spain, Germany, Austria, Turkey, Cyprus, Russia, Norway, Romania and Greece and has been presented on television, radio and music magazines. As a soloist he has appeared with all greek orchestras and abroad (Berlin Symphony Orchestra, Orquesta Ciudad de Granada etc.). He has also recorded for Naxos Label and has given the first world performances of piano works. His exceptional artistic appearances were enthusiastic received by eminent music critics.

He has been a member of the well-known “Aurora” (Piano) Quartet of Germany and the ensemble for contemporary music Ergon Ensemble, as well as piano lecturer at the Music Science and Art Department of the Macedonia University in Thessaloniki and artistic director of “Young Classical Series”.

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