**ELENA BASHKIROVA**

The Moscow-born pianist Elena Bashkirova studied at the Tchaikovsky Conservatory in the masterclass led by her father, the renowned pianist and music teacher Dimitrij Bashkirov.

Elena Bashkirova explores classical and romantic repertoire as well as twentieth-century music; her work has been strongly influenced by collaborations and exchange with artists such as Pierre Boulez, Sergiu Celibidache, Christoph von Dohnányi and Michael Gielen. She enjoys long-standing partnerships with conductors such as Lawrence Foster, Karl-Heinz Steffens, Ivor Bolton, Manfred Honeck and Antonello Manacorda.

Her 2016 recording of Tchaikovsky's "The Seasons, op. 37b" and "Album for the Young, op. 39" received the ICMA Award in the Solo Instrument category. In addition to her solo programmes, she is very passionate about vocal music and accompanies artists such as Matthias Goerne, René Pape, Robert Holl, Dorothea Röschmann and Anna Netrebko.

Twenty years ago, Elena Bashkirova founded the Jerusalem International Chamber Music Festival, an annual event taking place in September which she continues to lead as Artistic Director. The festival has become an important part of Israel's cultural life. Since 2012, a hugely popular partner festival has flourished every April at the Jewish Museum Berlin.

Through guest performances of the "Jerusalem Chamber Music Festival Ensemble" at renowned chamber music series, as well as at the most prestigious international summer festivals the festival's reach extends far beyond the borders of Israel.

She will perform as a soloist in the St. Petersburg Philharmonic Hall, the Philharmonie de Paris, the Kölner Philharmonie and the Berlin Philharmonie, collaborating with the Kammerakademie Potsdam, the Deutsche Staatsphilharmonie Rheinland-Pfalz, the Orchestra de València, the Vienna Kammerorchester, the Dresden Philharmonie, the Philharmonia London and NPRSO. Alongside her chamber music partners, she regularly appears in Geneva, Lisbon’s Gulbenkiam, Philharmonie de Paris, Wigmore Hall London, the Hamburg Elbphilharmonie and the Vienna Musikverein.

In 2018, Elena Bashkirova receives the Ruhr Piano Festival Prize and an honorary doctorate from Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.