



Clock Tower Series

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Live broadcast



Rokas Valuntonis

Piano

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CLOCK TOWER CONCERTS -
LIVE BROADCAST SUMMER RECITAL SERIES

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Praised for his “liquidity of sound” and “devilish performances”, Lithuanian pianist Rokas Valuntonis has drawn admiration for his imaginative interpretations and striking virtuosity.

A laureate of more than 20 international competitions, Valuntonis has performed all over Europe, including Denmark, Finland, France, and Portugal, in venues such as Milton Court (Barbican Centre), La Sala Verdi, The Wallace Collection, Lithuanian National Philharmonic Hall, and La Sala Casella Accademia Filarmonica Romana. He has also performed with the Lithuanian National Symphony Orchestra, Lund Symphony Orchestra, St Christopher Chamber Orchestra, Lithuanian Chamber Orchestra, and Panevėžys Chamber Orchestra. In addition to concerts of traditional format, Valuntonis has collaborated with both actors and presenters. His most recent collaboration, with the celebrated Lithuanian actor Kostas Smoriginas, explored the characters and emotional lives of great composers like Beethoven, Chopin, and Rachmaninov. 2020/21 would have seen Valuntonis present solo recitals around Europe in venues such as Lithuanian National Philharmonic (Lithuania), Klaipeda Concert Hall (Lithuania), Harpa Concert Hall (Iceland) and festivals such as Deal Arts and Music festival (UK), Barnes Music festival (UK), Summer of Piano music in Druskininkai (Lithuania). Rokas joined the City Music Foundation Artist Programme in 2017. For his many achievements, Valuntonis has been honoured with the prestigious Queen Morta Award and acknowledgements by two Lithuanian Presidents. This year Rokas was awarded with “Jung Artist Grant” by Lithuanian Ministry of culture.

Programme

E. Grieg (1843-1907)

Lyric Pieces

Arietta, Butterfly, Melody, Grandmother's minuet, March of the dwarfs

C.P.E Bach (1714-1788)

12 Variations on Spanish Folia theme

R. Schumann (1810-1856)

Kinderszenen op. 15

F. Chopin (1810-1849)

Ballade no 3 in A flat Op 47

W. A. Mozart (1756-1791) (arr. A Volodos)

Rondo alla Turca

Thank you for tuning in each week to watch this series - all concerts since June are available to catch up on the CMF YouTube Channel

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With thanks to the owners of the Clock Tower Room for use during this series

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