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Nobuyuki Tsujii Biography



Described by The Observer as the “definition of virtuosity,” Japanese pianist Nobuyuki Tsujii (Nobu), who has been blind from birth, won the joint Gold Medal at the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition in 2009 and has gone on to earn an international reputation for the passion and excitement he brings to his live performances.

In concert, Nobu has appeared with leading orchestras worldwide including the Mariinsky Orchestra, Philharmonia Orchestra, BBC Philharmonic, NHK Symphony, Yomiuri Nippon Symphony, Tokyo Symphony and Japan Philharmonic, Seattle and Baltimore symphony orchestras, Münchner Philharmoniker, Filarmonica della Scala and Sinfonieorchester Basel under the baton of conductors such as Valery Gergiev, Vladimir Ashkenazy, Vladimir Spivakov, Juanjo Mena and Vasily Petrenko.

As a recitalist, Nobu has performed at prestigious venues across the world such as Carnegie Hall's Stern Auditorium and regularly appears at the Théâtre des Champs Elysées in Paris, Royal Albert Hall in London, Berlin Philharmonie, and Musikverein in Vienna.

In the 2019/20 season, Nobu debuts with Philharmonisches Staatsorchester Hamburg under Kent Nagano, NDR Radiophilharmonie Hannover under Andrew Manze, and Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra under Jaap van Zweden. He also returns to play under Vasily Petrenko with Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra and Oslo Philharmonic Orchestra. Other engagements this season include appearances at Enescu Festival and a number of recitals at the Théâtre des Champs Elysées, Wigmore Hall and Birmingham's Town Hall. He also makes his debut in the Netherlands, playing a recital at the Riaskoff Series at Amserdam Concertgebouw.

Last season's highlights include two sold-out performances at Carnegie Hall's Stern Auditorium: a concert with the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra and a solo piano recital, concerts with the Iceland Symphony Orchestra under Vladimir Ashkenazy, and the Mariinsky Theatre Orchestra under Valery Gergiev; as well as performances at the Berlin Philharmonie and London Southbank Centre. Nobu also joined the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra Asia tour to Hong Kong, Taiwan and Japan.

An exclusive recording artist for Avex Classics International, Nobu's latest album is Chopin's Piano Concerto No.2 with Vladimir Ashkenazy and Deutsches Symphonie-Orchester Berlin. He also recorded Grieg's Piano Concerto and Rachmaninov's *Variations on a theme of Paganini* under Vasily Petrenko with Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No.2 with Deutsches Symphonie-Orchester Berlin, Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No.1 with Yutaka Sado and the BBC Philharmonic, Beethoven's Piano Concerto No.5 with Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, and recital discs of Chopin, Mozart, Debussy and Liszt.

A live DVD recording of Nobu's 2011 Carnegie Hall recital was named DVD of the Month by *Gramophone*, as was his latest DVD release, 'Touching the Sound - The Improbable Journey of Nobuyuki Tsujii', a documentary film by Peter Rosen.

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