

## Burak Çebi

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A member of a younger generation of Turkish pianists, Burak Çebi received his music education mainly in Germany, where he graduated from 'Hochschule für Musik Nürnberg' with a soloist diploma. He has been awarded 1st prize in Orchestra`Sion International Piano Competition in 2013, 2nd Prize in Int Piano Competition Forum Orihuela 2016 in Spain and 2nd Prize at Int Piano Competition IMA Inharmonia 2016 in Rimini , Italy. He gained widespread recognition and proved himself as one of the most promising young pianists in Turkey.

The son of a musical family with close ties to the Western classical music over several generations, Çebi has been engaged in classical Western music and piano from an early age on. However, first serious piano lessons followed when he was admitted to the Izmir conservatory at the age of eleven. He studied at the State Conservatory of Dokuz Eylül University before settling in Germany where he studied under Ingeborg Schmidt-Noll in Nürnberg. He attended the master classes of Abdel Rahman El-Bacha, Werner Bärtschi, Filippo Gamba, Bernd Glemser, Jura Margulis and Jean Francois Antonioli. His current collaboration with the pianist and state artist Hüseyin Sermet with whom he met about three years ago holds a significant place in his career.

His hometown Izmir also provided the setting for his solo and orchestra debuts, the latter with the Izmir Symphony Orchestra, playing Beethoven's 4th piano concerto under the direction of Ibrahim Yazici in 2007. He participated in events such as the "Klavier Akademie Freiburg 2011" , "Geza-Anda-Klaviertage 2011" , "Heidelberger Frühling 2010" , International Chamber Music Courses in Schaffhausen (Switzerland), Piano Festival "Chance 2009" in Tegernsee among others. He gave also recitals in Berlin (Musikinstrumentenmuseum), Dresden (Piano Salon) , München (Steinway-Haus), Ankara (Bilkent Concert Hall), Istanbul (Notre Dame de Sion), Izmir (Saygun Concert Hall), Bayreuth (Steingräber-Haus), Fürth (Stadttheater), Ingolstadt, Trier Bamberg and many other cities. He performed with Berliner Camerata in 2012 and played 9th Piano Concerto of W.A. Mozart, as well as the works of Turkish composers. In his recital at the worldrenowned Reitstadel concert hall in Neumarkt-Oberpfalz on the occasion of the bicentennial of Schumann`s birth in 2010, Çebi played a full Schumann programm and gained critical acclaim.

Çebi`s highlights of the season 2017-18 season include recitals, and chamber music concerts in Europe and in Turkey, including Laieszhalle Hamburg, Notre Dame du Rosaire Church in Istanbul and Schwartzsche Villa in Berlin.

Burak Çebi who won prizes in the context of the international piano competition held in Steinway-Haus Munich in 2008 and Mozart Chamber Music Competition in Nürnberg has also been awarded scholarships from DAAD, Sparda Bank Nürnberg, Berlin Gotthard-Schierse Fund and Richard Wagner Association.