

René Adámek, piano (CZE)

A graduate of the Ostrava Conservatory in the class of Jan Marcol (1976) and the Brno JAMU under Vlastimil Lejsek (1981). He is the laureate of the International Schubert Competition for Piano Duos (2nd prize in 1980). As a soloist as well as chamber player he has cooperated with many orchestras (Janáček Philharmonic Ostrava, Moravian Philharmonic Olomouc, ROW Philharmonic – Poland), ensembles (the Kubín Quartet, the Janáček Quartet), choirs (the PSMU, Moravian Chamber Choir) and soloists (Y. Kimura – Japan, F. Novotný, B. Smejkal, E. Šporerová etc.). He cooperated with Petr Hanousek for 15 years in a piano duo. He has taken part in many festivals both in the Czech Republic and abroad (Janáček May, Mladé pódium, Czech Art Festival in Oyonax and Bourg en Bresse). German, Polish, Hungarian, Swiss and French listeners have had the opportunity to hear René Adámek's art. He organises master classes and teaches at universities in Great Britain, Slovakia, Austria, Poland and Hungary. He has recorded a number of pieces for the Czech Radio in Prague, Brno, Olomouc and Ostrava. He has released several MCs and CDs containing the works of G. F. Händel, C. Franck, E. Chausson, A. Dvořák, V. Novák, P. Eben, K. Slavický, J. Laburda and V. Lejsek. At the moment he teaches at the Pedagogical Faculty of the Catholic University in Ružomberok and the Academy of Arts in Banská Bystrica. In 2008 he was appointed the title of Professor by the Czech President, Václav Klaus.