

Lukas Sternath Piano

ECHO Rising Star Saison/Season 2024/25

Already at a very early age, Lukas Sternath's life revolved around music. Born in Vienna in 2001, he traveled the world as member of the famed Vienna Boys' Choir and gave concerts on the most important stages in Europe, North America and Asia. He received his musical training on the piano from Anna Malikova and Alma Sauer at the University of Music and Performing Arts in Vienna. Since 2022 he studies in the class of Igor Levit at the University of Music, Drama and Media in Hanover. Further mentors include pianists Till Fellner, as well as Ingolf Wunder and Sir András Schiff, whose masterclasses he attended.

At the 71st International ARD Music Competition in Munich in September 2022, Lukas Sternath caused a sensation - in addition to the First Prize, he was awarded seven special prizes, including the Audience Prize and the Prize for the Best Interpretation of the Commissioned Composition. The year before he was a multiple prizewinner at the 63rd International Ferruccio Busoni Piano Competition in Bolzano, at the 14th International Schubert Piano Competition in Dortmund and at the 17th European Piano Competition in Bremen.

This past season Lukas Sternath performed his debut recital at the Musikverein Vienna and his debuts with the Vienna Symphony Orchestra (Patrick Hahn), the SWR Symphony Orchestra (Giedrė Šlekytė) and the Munich Philharmonic (Andrés Orozco-Estrada). Recital appearances in the season 2023/24 include his debut performances at Brussel's Flagey, Tonhalle Düsseldorf, at Hamburg's Elbphilharmonie, Munich's Prinzregententheater, Turin's Lingotto and Tonhalle Zürich. Other highlights of the season include a tour with the Bamberger Symphoniker and Chief Conductor Jakub Hrůša to Hamburg and Cologne, his debut at the Salzburger Festspiele with the Mozarteumorchester Salzburg under the baton of Ádám Fischer, as well as festival appearances at the Lucerne Festival, Rheingau Musikfestival, the International Music Festival Heidelberger Frühling and performances with the Summer Academy of the Vienna Philharmonic under the baton of Tugan Sohkiev.

In spring 2023, Lukas Sternath was chosen as an ECHO Rising Star of the 2024/25 season, nominated by Musikverein Wien and Konzerthaus Wien as well as the Philharmonie du Luxembourg.

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