

Teo Gheorghiu

Piano

Recipient of the BeethovenRing from the Beethovenfest in Bonn in 2010, Teo Gheorghiu's plans for the 2014/15 season and beyond include performances with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra at London's Royal Albert Hall, Orquesta Sinfónica de Bilbao, Macedonian Philharmonic Orchestra, Müncher Symphoniker and Orquestra Filarmônica de Minas Gerais. Other season highlights include chamber music performances with the Carmina Quartet (with whom he recorded Dvořák's Piano Quintet for Sony) at St Gallen in Switzerland, and solo recitals at the Tonhalle in Zürich, Kultur und Kongresshaus Aarau, Teatro Municipal Santiago de Chile, and Piano aux Jacobins in Toulouse.

Last season Teo performed with Orquesta Sinfónica del Principado de Asturias, and with Musikkollegium Winterthur for the New Year Gala concerts at Zurich's Tonhalle. He also undertook recital tours of South America and Taiwan. Recent seasons have seen him perform in recital at the Lucerne Festival and make his debuts at the Louvre and Dvořák Prague Festival. Concerto appearances have included performances with the the Pittsburgh and Tokyo Symphony orchestras, Luzerner Sinfonieorchester, Orchestra della Svizzera Italiana and Tchaikovsky Symphony Orchestra of Moscow Radio. He has also given concerts with Sinfonieorchester Basel, Zürcher Kammerorchester, and the Danish National and English Chamber orchestras. He has appeared at London's Wigmore Hall and Barbican Centre, and at the Verbier, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern and Ohrid festivals.

Teo made his debut in the Tonhalle Zürich in 2004 with Schumann's Piano Concerto. Since then, he has performed concertos by Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin, Rachmaninov and Bach, working with conductors such as Vladimir Fedoseyev, James Gaffigan, Lan Shui, Howard Griffiths, Fabio Mechetti, Arild Remmereit, Christopher Warren-Green, Mario Venzago and Muhai Tang. Recitals have included performances in Milan (Societa del Quartetto), Istanbul, Bad Kissingen, Bern, Basel and Santiago. His first CD on the Deutsche Grammophon label was released in April 2009 and featured Piano Concertos by Schumann and Beethoven, with the Musikkollegium Winterthur conducted by Douglas Boyd.

Born in Zurich in 1992, Teo Gheorghiu was a pupil at the Purcell School, London, from 2001, where he was taught by William Fong. He went on to study at the Curtis Institute in Philadelphia with Gary Graffman and currently studies at the Royal Academy of Music, London. In 2004 he won first prize in the San Marino International Piano Competition and the following year he was awarded first prize in the Franz Liszt International Piano Competition in Weimar, Germany.

In addition to his skills as a pianist, Teo is also a talented actor. In 2006, he starred in the title role of Fredi Murer's *Vitus* opposite Bruno Ganz. Telling the story of a young piano prodigy, the film has received numerous awards and as a result Teo has performed at the Istanbul, Tribeca (New York) and Locarno Film Festivals.