

Behzod Abduraimov

Piano

'almost levitating with excitement, he combined unbridled joy with a hugely impressive technical control.'

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The Grand Prize winner of the London International Piano Competition 2009, Behzod Abduraimov was born in Tashkent in 1990 and began to play the piano at the age of five. He was a pupil of Tamara Popovich at the Uspensky State Central Lyceum in Tashkent, and since 2007 is pursuing a Bachelor's Degree at the International Center for Music at Park University, Kansas City studying with Prof. Stanislav Ioudenitch.

In April 2009, Behzod achieved a sensational victory in the London International Piano Competition. He gave an electrifying performance of Prokofiev Piano Concerto No.3 at the Royal Festival Hall with the London Philharmonic Orchestra- bringing the audience to their feet for a standing ovation, and was unanimously awarded the Grand Prize.

Since his first performance as soloist at the age of eight with the National Symphony Orchestra of Uzbekistan, Behzod has given many concerts in the USA, Italy, Russia and Uzbekistan. His further achievements included the First Prize at the Republican Competition in Uzbekistan (1999), Grand Prix in the Competition 'Le Muse', in Agropoli, Italy (2003) and First Prize in the Missouri Southern International Piano Competition (2008). The same year he won both the Lennox Young Artist Competition and the Corpus Christi International Competition, USA and performed with the Richardson Symphony Orchestra in Dallas and the Corpus Christi Symphony Orchestra, Texas in 2009.

Since 2004, Behzod has been invited to perform every year at the Spivakov International Charity Foundation in Moscow and from 2005 at the International Keyboard Institute & Festival in New York City and the International Summer Piano Academy in Como, Italy.

As a result of his success in the London International Piano Competition, Behzod Abduraimov has received great critical acclaim and subsequently been invited to perform with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra this season as well as tour the Far East with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra conducted by Vladimir Ashkenazy. 2010 will see Behzod give his Wigmore Hall debut recital and appear with the London Philharmonic Orchestra at the Royal Festival Hall.