

Till Fellner

Piano

"Fellner surely belongs among that elite who Charles Rosen so memorably defined as those who, while they appear to do nothing, achieve everything" Gramophone

Till Fellner's international career began in 1993 with the 1st prize at the renowned Concours Clara Haskil in Vevey (Switzerland). Since then, he has been a sought-after guest at the major orchestras and the major music centres of Europe, the USA and Japan, as well as at numerous festivals.

As a soloist, he performs with orchestras like Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, Koninklijk Concertgebouworkest Amsterdam, New York Philharmonic Orchestra, Boston Symphony Orchestra, Chicago Symphony Orchestra and NHK Symphony Orchestra.

In the field of chamber music, Till Fellner regularly collaborates with violinist Viviane Hagner, the Belcea Quartet and British tenor Mark Padmore. This season, Till Fellner has collaborated with Viviane Hagner at the Lammermuir Festival and Mark Padmore at the Abboltsholme Arts Society. In spring 2023, he will be touring Japan with German mezzo-soprano Anna Lucia Richter.

Till Fellner has collaborated with Claudio Abbado, Vladimir Ashkenazy, Herbert Blomstedt, Semyon Bychkov, Christoph von Dohnányi, Christoph Eschenbach, Bernard Haitink, Nikolaus Harnoncourt, Manfred Honeck, Sir Charles Mackerras, Sir Neville Marriner, Kurt Masur, Kent Nagano, Jonathan Nott, Kirill Petrenko, Hans Zender among many others.

Over the past few years, he has dedicated himself to two milestones of the piano repertoire: The Well-Tempered Clavier of Johann Sebastian Bach and the 32 piano sonatas of Ludwig van Beethoven. He performed the Beethoven cycle from 2008 to 2010 in New York, Washington, Tokyo, London, Paris, and Vienna. Till Fellner has premiered works by Kit Armstrong, Harrison Birtwistle, Thomas Larcher, Alexander Stankovski and Hans Zender.

The ECM label, for whom Till Fellner is an exclusive recording artist, has released the First Book of the Well-Tempered Clavier and the Two & Three-Part Inventions of J. S. Bach, Beethoven's Piano Concertos Nos. 4 & 5 with the Montreal Symphony Orchestra and Kent Nagano, chamber music by Harrison Birtwistle and in 2018 a CD "Till Fellner in concert" with live recordings of works by Liszt and Beethoven. In 2016 Alpha Classics released the recording of the piano quintet by J. Brahms with the Belcea Quartet, this recording received the "Diapason d'Or de l'Année".

In his native Vienna, Till Fellner studied with Helene Sedo-Stadler before going on to study privately with Alfred Brendel, Meira Farkas, Oleg Maisenberg, and Claus-Christian Schuster.

He has taught at the Zurich Hochschule der Künste from 2013. In 2019 he was jury president at the 62nd Ferruccio Busoni International Piano Competition in Bolzano.