

## Gülru Ensari

Turkish pianist Gülru Ensari has established herself as one of the leading musicians of her generation. She is best known for her interesting concert programme reflecting her talent both as a soloist and a chamber musician. She is in demand for a wide variety of chamber music ensembles and plays with many world famous musicians including Gautier Capuçon, Herbert Schuch, Ilya Gringolts, Mirijam Contzen, Sebastian Manz, and Ramon Ortega Quero. During 2014-15 season she will perform at the Bozar in Brussels, the Antalya Piano Festival, the Beethovenhaus Bonn, in Schloss Elmau, and at the Sociedad Filarmonica in Bilbao.

Born in Istanbul, she started to play at age 6 and studied at the State Conservatory of Istanbul University where she was a student of Prof. Meral Yapalı. She won a scholarship from the German High School in Istanbul to study at the Conservatory for Music in Cologne with Prof. Vassily Lobanov.

She further polished her musical and technical skills by regularly participating in masterclasses given by Leontina Margulis, Andrei Diev, Sergei Dorensky and Hüseyin Sermet amongst others. She is currently completing a master's degree in chamber music at the Cologne Conservatory for Music with Prof. Anthony Spiri.

Gülru was awarded first prizes at the Bundeswettbewerb Jugend Musiziert in the categories "Solo Piano" and "Piano with Voice", and the International Piano Competition at the Edirne Mimar Sinan University. She is also the recipient of the prestigious Yamaha Prize given to the most successful students of the Conservatory of Istanbul University.

She has appeared on major international concert platforms in solo recitals and chamber performances in Turkey, Macedonia,

United States of America, Poland, Germany, Hungary, Austria, Portugal, and Switzerland, and has performed at international music festivals such as the Bitola Music Festival, the Bebersee Festival, and the D-Marin Turgutreis International Classical Music Festival.

She regularly performs as a soloist with Turkey's leading national orchestras, such as Orchestra Istanbul, Çukurova State Symphony Orchestra , Kadikoy Chamber Orchestra, Bakirkoy Chamber Orchestra and the Istanbul and Bursa State Symphony Orchestras. During 2013-14 season, she made her debut at the Istanbul Classical Music Festival and at the Tonhalle Zurich.