

Curriculum vitae Clemens ZEILINGER

Clemens ZEILINGER was born in Vienna and first studied piano at the *Brucknerkonservatorium* in Linz, then at the *Vienna University of Music*. He took classes with Roland Keller, Heinz Medjimorec, Peter Barcaba and Anton Voigt and attended master classes with L. Hokanson, O. Maisenberg, L. Hoffmann and A. Jasinski.

Zeilinger won prizes at various international competitions, at the *European Youth Music Festival* in Antwerp, the *Vienna Beethoven Competition*, the *European Chamber Music Competition* in the Hague, at *Jugend musiziert* and he received several *Boesendorfer* scholarships.

He gave concerts in Europe, Japan, Korea, Iran and the Oman and worked as a soloist with many renowned orchestras (*Niederoesterreichische Tonkuenstler*, *Brucknerorchester Linz*, *Suedboehmische Philharmonie*, *Orchestra of the Royal College of London*, *Philharmony Zagreb*, *Philharmonices Mundi...*). Much of his time is taken up with chamber music (member of the *TrioVanBeethoven*, which recorded very successfully the complete opera of Beethovens piano-trio compositions) and musical accompaniment (esp. for singers).

Mr. Zeilinger is also well-known for breaking with the traditional mode of concerts by trying to make contact with the audience at the beginning of the concert, for instance by means of a personal introduction to the respective piano pieces / concertos. This includes a presentation of the musical motifs and relevant background or raising issues with regard to the often contentious interpretation of particular parts of a specific concert. As a musical interpreter he establishes closer rapport with the audience by opening up his very own way of interpretation: „It is important for me to avoid bored audiences simply leafing through printed programmes.“

In 2008 he attracted wide attention for performing all 32 Beethoven-piano-sonatas for piano solo within three months, in this year he became „Artist of the year“ of the most important radio-broadcaster of Austria (Ö1).

Mr. Zeilinger also teaches at the *Vienna University of Music* and the *Bruckner – University in Linz(Austria)*.