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About Friedrich Kleinhapl

VALERY GERGIEV

„....Friedrich Kleinhapl is one of the most promising musicians of a new, younger generation“

SOFIA GUBAIDULINA

„...I experienced Friedrich Kleinhapls exceptional penetration of the inner substance of my composition Canticum of the Sun and an absolute realisation of it´s intention. An unforgettable experience!“

CLAUDIO ABBADO

„Friedrich Kleinhapl is extraordinary worthy of support“

YEHUDI MENUHIN

„Friedrich Kleinhapl is a very gifted cellist“

TIBOR VARGA

„Friedrich Kleinhapl plays the cello with a certainty and spontaneous intuition, an ability only of real talents...“

PAUL TORTELIER

„Friedrich Kleinhapl has a brilliant technic and an extraordinary personality...“

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Valery Gergiev, the Russian composer Sofia Gubaidulina and the New York Times among others express their enthusiasm about the Austrian cellist playing the magnificent Guadagnini cello: Friedrich Kleinhapl. He performs with „sparkling expressivity, virtuous passion and individuality“. They all appreciate his unmistakable sound, style and remarkable readiness to take risks in his spontaneous way to perform.

Friedrich Kleinhapl completed his studies with Philippe Muller in Paris. He also received important artistic impulses from Claudio Abbado, Yehudi Menuhin, Paul Tortelier and Tibor Varga. Ever since 1990 he has been performing as a soloist and chamber musician in major musical centers in Europe, North- and South-America, as well as in China, Japan and The Emirates. Since 1998 performs on a precious violoncello on loan from the Austrian National Bank's instrument collection.

The artist's international breakthrough occurred in October 2007 when he performed with the Mariinsky Orchestra under the direction of Valery Gergiev. The famous Russian conductor described Friedrich Kleinhapl as one of the most promising talents of a new generation.

Aside from standard pieces, Kleinhapl's repertoire contains contemporary works, for instance, Friedrich Gulda's cello concerto, Sofia Gubaidulina's ‚Canticle of the Sun‘ and many concertos dedicated to Friedrich Kleinhapl.

From 2003 on, Friedrich Kleinhapl and the German pianist Andreas Woyke have been performing as a duo. His considerable discography focuses on this duo as well as on solo pieces with orchestra.

Friedrich Kleinhapl and his wife Heidrun Maya Hagn are continuously developing arts projects. (hagn-arts.com) In 2015 Friedrich Kleinhapl, his wife Heidrun Maya Hagn and Andreas Woyke founded „Get a Hearing – association of artists supporting children with hearing loss“. Thus far the artists have supported 29 children with special hearing aids and many proper therapies. (getahearing.com)