

**Zuzana Šimurdová** is a Canadian pianist of Czech origin, fascinated by classical and contemporary music. She has given solo and chamber concerts across Europe, USA, Canada, China and South Korea. A Graduate from the Université de Montréal and Concordia University (Canada), Janáček Conservatory Ostrava and Janáček Academy of Music and Performing Arts Brno (Czech Republic), Zuzana continued her studies under the guidance of Professor Renna Kellaway from the Royal Northern College of Music (UK).

Šimurdová began her international career as a Laureate of the UNESCO-Aschberg Bursarie Awards in Paris followed by the 1st Prize at the International Music Competition Anglo-Czechoslovak Trust in London and the Janáček 1st prize at the International Piano Masterclasses Competition "Prague-Vienna-Budapest". Among the highlights is her Carnegie Hall Debut as a Winner of the Chopin Award at the IBLA Grand Prize International Competition and her debut performances in South Korea & China as part of the ZUMI (Warszynski-Simurdova) Piano Duo, formed together with her husband, Dr. Mikolaj Warszynski.

She recorded her first CD "Préludes à un pays vrai", with works by the contemporary Québécois composer, Jean Chatillon, for which she was awarded the Orpheus Prize from the Delian Composers Association in USA, and became a Laureate of Vivacité Montréal. Her second CD called "Chopin" was released for a Canadian label PGMAudio. Recently, her third CD of Complete Piano Sonatas by Czech contemporary composer, Luboš Fišer was released for NAXOS, Grand Piano in 2017.

Zuzana Šimurdová has been invited to perform at various summer festivals across Europe. She has also been a featured artist on radio broadcast in Czech and Canada and made her TV appearance on France 2, Czech's ČT2 and OMNI TV Toronto.

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