

EVGENY UKHANOV

Born 1982 – Ukraine

Ukrainian pianist Evgeny Ukhanov began his studies when he was seven years old.

He gave his first concert performance in Russia, aged nine.

In 1997 he was a major prize winner in both the Second Horowitz International Piano competition in Ukraine, and the International Piano competition for young pianists in Senigalia, Italy.

In 2000, he won 3rd prize in the prestigious Sydney International Piano Competition. He was 18 years old in a field of international competitors ranging in age from 16 to 32.

In 1998 he received a scholarship from the Australian Institute of Music where he completed his Bachelor of Music. He has since resided in Australia on a full time basis and became an Australian citizen in 2004.

His Australian performances include the 'Stars of the Future' series at Government House in 1998, Proms concert for the Festival of Sydney (1999), Sergei Rachmaninov and Prokofiev Festivals of Piano Concertos (1998, 1999), and F. Chopin festivals (1999).

He has numerously performed for both radio (ABC Classic FM, 2MBS FM) including 'Rising stars' and television (ABC and SBS) featuring in the series "Prodigy".

He recorded chamber music for ABC Classic FM in Melbourne, and a series of recitals for the "Fireside Festival", Canberra Region (2008-2010).

He recorded his first CD in 2009, which includes F. Liszt Sonata in B minor, considered one of the most difficult sonatas composed for piano.

Evgeny's Australian concert activities in more recent years include recitals at the Sydney Opera House (2005), City of Sydney Town Hall - as well as performances with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra, Sinfonia orchestra, Sydney Youth Orchestra, SBS Orchestra and other overseas orchestras.

In 2003 he was an official accompanist for the “Master Performers of Australia” Competition in Sydney.

Recitals of note have included - the Governor’s Reception for Australia Day (Gershwin “Rhapsody in Blue”), German Prime Minister in Magdeburg, Germany (2002). The Chinese Australian Forum (2004), The Governor of Queensland, Parliament House Brisbane (2005) , Her Excellency the Governor of NSW, Government House, Canberra. (2008). The National Gallery Canberra (2010).

Internationally he has performed in England, Romania, Italy, U.S.A., France, Germany, Japan, Ukraine and Russia.

In Australia he continues to perform nationally.

In 2010 his engagements include a performance at the Sydney Opera House and a recording of F. Chopin and R. Schumann works.

Alexey Yemtsov
BIOGRAPHY

Since arriving in Australia in 1998 Alexey Yemtsov has established himself as one of the leading Australian concert pianists.

Being a winner and major prize-winner of many International Piano Competitions he has performed extensively throughout the world including countries like England, USA, Israel, China, Italy, Japan, Russia, Malaysia, South Africa, Ukraine, Australia to name a few.

"...*Horowitz can sleep now!*"- Such were the words of Maestro Vladimir Ashkenazy in 2004 after hearing Alexey Yemtsov perform at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music. In November 2006, at Ashkenazy's request, he performed Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No.1 with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Maestro to capacity audiences and critical acclaim in the Concert Hall of the Sydney Opera House.

He since worked as a soloist and a chamber musician with all major Australian orchestras including AYO, SSO, WASO, MSO, WSO, TQO appearing with such conductors as Lawrence Foster, Simone Young, Nicholas Milton, Mathew Coorey, Andrew Grams.

Other appearances with orchestras include Kiev Camerata, National Ukrainian Orchestra, Pomeriggi Musicali di Milano, Chamber Orchestra of South Africa.

Later in 2010 Alexey Yemtsov is going to appear with performances in Queensland and Tasmania as well as touring China with Australian Youth Orchestra.