

About Yu Kosuge

With her superlative technique, sensitivity of touch and profound understanding of the music she plays, Yu has become one of the world's most noted young pianists.

Born in Tokyo in 1983, Yu entered Tokyo University of the Arts at the age of four under a selective specialist education programme for gifted children. At the age of nine, she made her orchestral debut with the Tokyo New City Orchestra, and in 1993 moved to Europe to continue her studies in Hannover and Salzburg.

Yu resides in Munich, performing regularly in Asia and Europe. She has performed with all the major Japanese orchestras as well as many leading orchestras worldwide, such as the Singapore Symphony and the NDR Symphony Orchestra Hamburg. She has performed with many world-class conductors including Seiji Ozawa.



Programme

1. J.S. Bach: Aria variata alla maniera italiana a-Moll BWV 989
2. Beethoven: Sonata No.21 in C major, Op.53, 'Waldstein'

intermission

3. Takemitsu: Rain Tree Sketch I and II
4. Liszt: "Les jeux d'eaux à la villa d'Este" from *Années de pèlerinage*
5. Liszt: Ballade No. 2 in B minor
6. Wagner (Arr. by F. Liszt): Isoldes Liebestod from "Tristan und Isolde", S. 447

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