



Rasa Vitkauskaite, piano

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Rasa Vitkauskaite has won top prizes at numerous prestigious international piano competitions including First Prizes at the Rubinstein Piano Competition (Paris), Les Rencontres Internationales des Jeunes Pianistes (Belgium), the competition in Taurisano (Italy), and the Mendelssohn Cup (Italy). In 2007, Rasa won a Kathryn Wasserman Davis grant that supported her tour promoting peace in Israel. In her native country of Lithuania, Ms. Vitkauskaite has garnered the top prize at six national competitions. Her most recent concert engagements include performances at festivals in China, South Korea, Venezuela, Mexico, Portugal, Japan and the United States.

Ms. Vitkauskaite studied with Jūratė Karosaitė at the National M. K. Čiurlionis School of Arts in Vilnius, Lithuania, from which she graduated with honors. She then won a scholarship to study at the United World College of the Adriatic in Italy, where she studied with Alberto Miodini and took chamber music lessons with members of the Trio di Trieste at the International Chamber Music School. Upon

graduating, she was awarded the prestigious International Baccalaureate Diploma with the highest marks in music.

Subsequently, she completed her Bachelors and Masters Degrees at The Boston Conservatory, where she was a student of Michael Lewin, and won the H. Wilfred Churchill piano scholarship competition both in 2007 and 2008. She currently studies with Randall Hodgkinson at Longy School of Music.

Ms. Vitkauskaite has performed as soloist with the Kaunas, Latvian, Kaliningrad Philharmonic Orchestras, I Solisti di Perugia and the Boston Conservatory Orchestra. She has played in many festivals around the world including ones in Kaunas (Lithuania), Moscow (Russia), Pyrénées (France), and the Music Fest Perugia (Italy), and she has given concerts in Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, France, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Russia, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovenia, United Kingdom and the United States.

Ms. Vitkauskaite is also very active as a chamber musician. She performs regularly with world-renown clarinetist Jonathan Cohler. Last season the duo played concerts in Cambridge, Iowa, Oklahoma and South Korea. 2008 marked the release of her debut CD with Mr. Cohler on *Rhapsodie Française* (Ongaku 024-121). The duo has recently recorded a new CD titled *Romanza* (Ongaku 024-123), which will be released in the fall featuring works by Schumann, Prokofiev and Guastavino. Ms. Vitkauskaite is also the pianist of the Xonor Trio with violinist Yumi Okada and cellist Ignacy Grzelazka.

Ms. Vitkauskaite is on the faculty at the Concord Conservatory of Music. She also serves as the pianist to the Boston Philharmonic Orchestra.