

## **Plotinos Micromatis**

Born in Cyprus, Plotinos has been performing since the age of eight as well as recording for Cyprus national radio and television. His first professional engagement was a recital with works by Telemann, Beethoven, Chopin and Schumann, which he gave when he was fifteen years old. In 1987 he won the Prix Ravel Competition, held in Nicosia, and in 1988, following his win at the national competition, he represented Cyprus at the 4th Eurovision Competition for Young Musicians which was held at the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

After he completed his studies with Pitsa Spyridaki in Cyprus, he moved to London in order to study with Alasdair Graham at the Royal College of Music and later with Simon Young and Kaoru Bingham at the University of London (Trinity College of Music). He holds performance diplomas of the Royal College of Music, the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, as well as a Master of Music degree from the University of London (Trinity College of Music).

Plotinos has a wide repertoire ranging from the pre-baroque to the modern era, and has given premières of works by composers such as Savvas Savva and Filimon Lamprou and regularly includes their compositions in his programmes. Composer and conductor George Skipworth dedicated his Piano Sonata to Plotinos.

Presently based in Nicosia, Cyprus, Plotinos is equally “at home” performing solo recitals, chamber music with singers and instrumentalists and as soloist with orchestra. He has collaborated with the Greek National Opera, the Thessaloniki Opera and the Greek National Theatre. Among his skills is training singers for operatic roles and accompanying singers and instrumentalists in concerts, auditions and examinations.

He has appeared as soloist with the Cyprus Symphony Orchestra, the Cyprus Youth Symphony Orchestra, the Lewis & Clarke University Symphony Orchestra and the Netherlands Radio Symphony Orchestra among others; and under conductors such as Sergiu Comissiona, José Ferreira Lobo, George Skipworth, Stephen Futrell, Panayiotis Panayi, Themis Christodoulou and Ara Vorsgianian.

Apart from Greece and Cyprus, Plotinos has given concerts in the UK, Russia, Germany, Austria, the Netherlands and Denmark.