

Ivan Monighetti – Cello



Ivan Monighetti, described by Krzysztof Penderecki as a “phenomenal cellist” was Mstislav Rostropovich's last student at the Moscow Conservatory. As a sought-after performer, pedagogue and conductor Ivan Monighetti is one of the most versatile personalities in the classical music world today. For more than four decades he has enjoyed a distinguished career, which has taken him throughout Europe, to America, Japan and Korea. Besides outstanding interpretations of the classical masterpieces he has become known for numerous premieres of modern compositions. His sensational appearances at major contemporary music festivals and friendships with composers such as Gubaidulina, Penderecki, Meyer, Szimanski, Tan Dun, Xenakis, Schnittke, Knaifel, Silvestrov, Ali-Zadeh, Rob Zuidam, Kelterborn have brought him a wide reputation in the field of modern music. Many works written especially for him are now part of the established cello repertoire.

As a soloist he has performed with many of the world's great orchestras and conductors, including Kurt Masur, Charles Dutoit, Mariss Jansons, Valery Gergiev, Christoph Eschenbach, Gennady Rozhdestvensky, Andrei Boreyko, Muhai Tang, Krzysztof Penderecki, Mstislav Rostropovich, Dmitri Kitaenko, Hans Fonk, Antony Wit, Milan Horvat.

Following his conductor's debut at the Haydn Festival in Great Britain, he had a varied career as a cello soloist and a conductor of international repute. He conducted among others an English Haydn Festival Orchestra, Österreichisch-Slowakische Philharmonie, Moscow Symponnie Orchestra, Sinfonia Juventus, Musica Viva Moscow, Artur Rubinstein Philharmonie, Georgian Chamber Orchestra, Algarve Symphonie, Viva Cello Festival Orchestra.

His discography includes over 40 recordings that have been praised by the press and critics. He recorded for Erato, Pan classics, ECM, Harmonia Mundi, Orfeo, Wergo, Chant du monde, Berlin classics, DUX, Pro Viva, Polskie nagrania, Melodia.

His latest releases include Works by Alexander Knaifel (ECM), Haydn's Cello Concertos and Menuets (DUX), (on both CD's he appears as cellist and conductor) and Beethoven's Cello Sonatas. He is featured on Swiss TV in Ritratto a Monighetti and Monighetti: Storie di famiglia. Ivan Monighetti is professor of cello at the Escuela Superior Reina Sofia in Madrid and Doctor Honoris Causa of the Music Academy in Krakow. At the Music Academy in Basel during nearly 30 years he

trained and mentored several generations of cellists. His students include such renowned soloists as Sol Gabetta, Kian Soltani, Hayoung Choi, Nicolas Altstaedt, Emil Rovner and Asier Polo.