## **Curriculum vitae**

• Elias Keller, Pianist and Composer with concert improvisation was born on 5.9.2007 in Villach/Carinthia

Currently he is attending the course for the vocational baccalaureate at the Handelsakademie

- Languages: German, English, French
- His hobbies are other countries with their languages and cultures He loves animals and the nature.
   Elias finds strengh and energy in sporting activities
- His passion and love for music is shapped by Nelson Mandela: "Everyone can surpass themselves and achieve something if they do it with dedication and passion"

## **Musical career**

- At the age of six, Elias began piano lessons with Mag. Vladimir Sokolov at Music School Weißenstein
- In 2016, at the age of eight, Elias was the youngest student to be admitted to the Precollege at Mozarteum University in Salzburg
- Elias is currently studing piano with Prof. Johannes Wilhelm and concert improvisation and composition by Prof. Galina Vracheva
- Elias also takes lessons in voice training and trumpet and he is a national prize winner in both categories
- With the piano he is a prize winner in national and international competitions. He won first prizes in Austria, Germany, Italy, Slovenia, USA, Poland, Korea, Great Britain, Switzerland and other countries

He won numerous international prizes, such as: Grand Prize, International Youth Music Competition / USA, 1st Prize Great Masters International Youth Music Competition / USA, 1st Prize London Young Musician of the Year 2020/21 / UK, 1st Prize Great Masters International Piano Competition – Vladimir Horowitz Edition, Winner ORF Show "Goldene Note" / AUT and many more • National and international solo and chamber music concert experience, as well as orchestral experience as a soloist, have shaped his career to date.

He completed concert tours to Austria, Germany, Spain, Italy, Slovenia, Czech Republic (Prague, South Bohemia), Switzerland, Japan and the USA.

As Soloist he played with the "Orquestra Ars Medica Barcelona" (Conductor:Alfons Reverte), the "Young Philharmonie Vienna" (Conductor: Michael Lesky), the "Drauphilharmonie" (Conductor:Gerhard Kaufmann), the "Young Symphonie Orchestra of Upper Carinthia" (Conductor: Johann Brunner), the "Werkskapelle Ferndorf" (Conductor: Gernot Steinthaler), the "Salzburg Philharmonie Orchestra" (Conductor: Elisabeth Fuchs), the "RSO Vienna" (Conductor: Rossen Gergov), the "Millstätter Festival Orchester" (Conductor: Tobias Wögerer) and Ensembles and members of the Vienna Philharmonic

- He also performed with a number of renowned soloists, including Elina Garanca, Daniela Fally, Jan Vogler, Daniel Müller-Schott.
   Appearances with well-known personalities, including Klaus Maria Brandauer, Frederic Böhle, Max Müller, Otto Schenk have enriched his career to date and he also repeatedly performs with chamber ensembles of the Vienna Philharmonic
- International Master Classes, for example, with Elisabeth Leonaskaja, Arie Vardi, Michel Beroff, Giuliano Mazzoccante, Galina Vracheva, Thomas Kreutzberger, Igor Cognolato, Ingolf Wunder, Dirk Mommertz, Markus Schirmer, Christopher Hinterhuber, William Fong, Zuzana Niederdorfer, Alma Sauer...
- Appearances and portraits on TV shows such as "Ein Herz für Kinder" with Johannes B. Kerner – ZDF, Thema – ORF 2, Deutsche Welle, Guten Morgen Österreich – ORF 2, Dok 1 – ORF 1, Servus TV, Okidoki – ORF 1, ORF Kärnten, Vera – ORF 2, ORF Salzburg, ORF Wien, Beethoven X AI Project – WDR, Klassikshow "Golden Note" with Thomas Gottschalk – ORF 2, "Stars an Talents by Leona König – ORF 2
- Elias passed the Final Piano Exam at the age of 11 (something that had never been done before in Austria) with distinction at the Carinthian State Music School
- In addition to his extensive concert activities, he played the role of 11 year old Franz Liszt in the movie "Beethoven X/AI" in 2020
- He released his first Album entitled "Tir N'a Noir" in November 2022 with the renowed Austrian record company Preiser Records an international production with the German producer/composer Matthias Schmitt and Norsk Musicforlagg AS, Norway's largest publisher.

8 music videos (on youtube), within the above Album, which show Elias`great charisma. The music presented is characterized by a high level of emotionality.

3 original compositions by Elias, a personal premiere, as well as works by Schmitt, Staveland, Kverndokk, Madsen expressively demostrate his viruosity and creative diversity.

- 2017 CD recording with the "Ensemble Harmonie" members of Vienna Philharmonic
  2019 Solo CD recording
  2022 Release of his own album "Tir n`a Noir"
- For the Season 2023/2024 further recordings, primarily out of classical literature, but also with modern, jazz, crossover music and his own compositions