

BRIAN SCHEMBRI

One of the most brilliant musicians to emerge from Malta, Brian Schembri started his music studies with his father Carmelo Schembri. He later graduated in piano and conducting at the Kiev and Moscow “Tchaikovsky” Conservatories studying with A. Snegiriov, S. Dorensky, R. Kofman and G. Rozhdestvensky.

Actively performing as a concert pianist, he started working as assistant conductor with Michel Plasson and Emmanuel Krivine. Eventually dedicating most of his time to conducting, he became Chief Conductor of the OPF Orchestra and the Orquestra Metropolitana de Lisboa, Music Director at Malta National Theatre “Teatru Manoel” and Artistic Director and Principal Conductor of the Malta Philharmonic Orchestra. Brian Schembri has been awarded the Malta Cultural Award and the Medal for Service to the Republic.

Guest conductor engagements the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, l'Orquestra Ciutat Barcelona, l'Orchestre National du Capitole de Toulouse, l'Orchestre Nationale de Radio France, the Lithuanian State Symphony, the Novosibirsk Philharmonic, London Mozart Players, l'Orchestre National de Lyon, London Philharmonic, Nordwestdeutsche Philharmonie, the Svetlanov State Symphony Orchestra, Hong Kong Opera, Lubeck, Nancy and Rennes opera theatres. He has participated festivals such as the “Festival Massenet”, “Octobre en Normandie”, “Les Rencontres Musicales d'Evian”, “Lisboa em Festa”, “Kings Lynn Festival”, “Henley Festival” and “Colmar International Festival” and has composed music for theatre productions at the Manoel Theatre, Teatru Strada Stretta in Malta, the Comédie Française in Paris and the Malta Pavilion at the Biennale di Venezia 2022.

His CD recordings include piano sonatas by Beethoven, Schubert and Rachmaninov and CDs of works by Charles Camilleri with the Royal Scottish National Orchestra, the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra (Divine Art Diversions DDV24126), Bach concertos with the European Union Chamber Orchestra (Divine Art DDA 25128) and Tansman concertos with Diego Dini Ciacci and Fabrizio Meloni (CPO 555 079-2).

Receiving critical acclaim as an artist of high caliber for his strongly passionate and lyrical performances, he has forged a strong reputation for a moving profound musicality.