



## The prizewinners of the 3rd International Telekom Beethoven Competition (2009)



### **Hinrich Alpers**

**1<sup>st</sup> prize, special prize for chamber music, special prize for the interpretation of a contemporary composition, favorite's prize of the Beethoven House, Bonn**

Born in 1981, Hinrich Alpers studied under Bernd Goetzke at the University of Music in his home town of Hanover and completed a year abroad with Jerome Lowenthal at the Juilliard School in New York. In North America, Alpers also celebrated his most important successes up to now. He was awarded first prize at the "Esther Honens International Piano Competition" in Calgary, Canada, in 2006. Previously he had also won first prize at the "Grieg Competition 2004" in Oslo and the "Gina Bachauer International Piano Competition 2006". As winner of the Juilliard Petscheck Piano Debut Recital Award 2008, Hinrich Alpers gave his debut at Carnegie Hall which received much attention and in spring 2009 performed at the Berlin Philharmonic and the Munich Gasteig center for the first time. He also received invitations to the Schleswig-Holstein Festival, the Ottawa Chamber Music Festival, the Ruhr Piano Festival and the Beethoven Festival in Bonn, as well as other major international concert halls. Hinrich Alpers lectures at the Institute for the Advancement of Young Musicians at the College for Music and Drama in Hanover, and lives in Berlin.



### **Jordi Bitlloch**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> prize and audience prize**

Jordi Bitlloch was born in 1984 and grew up in Perpignan, in the south of France. In 1999 he completed his studies of piano, violin, chamber music and music theory/solfège at the Perpignan Conservatory. In the same year he started studying piano at the famous Yehudi Menuhin School in London with Ruth Nye. He has already performed with artists including Claude Franck, Jeremy Menuhin, Mstislav Rostropovich, Dora Schwarzberg and Carole Cerasi. Since September 2004, he has been studying at the University of the Arts in Berlin with Prof. Pascal Devoyon. Jordi Bitlloch has already taken part in a number of piano competitions and played at famous music festivals like the Ruhr Piano Festival. He is a winner of the "Aujourd'hui Musiques" competition for contemporary music, the Vlado Perlemuter Competition and the Jellinek Award.



### **Einav Yarden**

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> prize:**

Einav Yarden, born in 1978 in Israel and now living in Berlin, studied with the famous American pianist, Leon Fleisher, at the Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore. Previously she studied at the Israel Rubin Music Academy. She took part successfully in a number of international competitions. In 2006 she was a prizewinner at the renowned "Minnesota International Piano-e-Competition" and in 2003 was a finalist in the "Esther Honens International Piano Competition". Einav Yarden has performed as a soloist with major, renowned orchestras, like the George Enescu Philharmonic in May 2011. As well as her solo performances, she is an enthusiastic performer of chamber music and is regularly invited to play contemporary music.



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