



Plowright Records Brahms for BIS

With the December 2012 release of a Brahms recital, BIS Records is delighted to welcome the excellent British pianist Jonathan Plowright, to its distinguished list of recording artists.

With a long list of critically acclaimed and international award-winning CDs to his name, Jonathan was hailed 'one of the finest living pianists' by Gramophone magazine, and is now recognised globally as a truly exceptional pianist.

Gold Medallist at the Royal Academy of Music, London, a Fulbright Scholar, and prize winner in many competitions, Jonathan won Gold Medal First Prize at the Royal Overseas League Competition and the European Piano Competition, since when he has been in demand all over the world as recitalist, appeared with leading orchestras and ensembles and given numerous radio broadcasts.

Jonathan's interpretations of the Romantic repertoire are particularly renowned, and this recording of Brahms has been eagerly anticipated for some time. The programme of the disc comprises the monumental Piano Sonata No. 3 in F minor, coupled with the celebrated Handel Variations, two of the major landmarks in the 19th-century solo piano literature.

"I am absolutely thrilled to have established this new relationship with BIS Records to record Brahms, a composer whose music has always been close to my heart, and these two giants of the piano repertoire are a very good place to start." Jonathan Plowright

BIS Records, founded in 1973 by Robert von Bahr, developed a reputation for recording eclectic repertoire, including early music as well as works by many contemporary composers, from Kalevi Aho to Brett Dean. The more than 1,700 titles in the BIS catalogue also include many mainstays of the concert hall, from a Beethoven cycle with Osmo Vänskä and Minnesota Orchestra to a Bach Cantata cycle with the Bach Collegium Japan, as well as a recently completed 68-disc Sibelius Edition, which

includes all of the composer's music. The label, based in Sweden, is respected for the superior sound quality of its releases and for its staunch support of the high-fidelity Super Audio CD format.

"BIS Records is delighted to welcome Jonathan Plowright to its artist roster. Jonathan has garnered great acclaim for his authoritative and idiomatic Brahms performances in concert so it is especially pleasing to be able to commence a recorded cycle of Brahms's works for solo piano with such a distinguished exponent." Robert Suff, A & R Director, BIS Records.

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