# RAMEZ MHAANNA - PIANIST

"A deeply cathartic experience" - The Strad "Ramez Mhaanna possesses soft touches, musicality, scenic charm and an effortless playing style" - Sundsvall Tidning

AWARDS

The Odd-fellow Humanitarian Foundation Award 2024

Album of the year in Danish National Radio 2023

Rødovre Musikpris 2022

Special grant of a new Steinway O grand piano for young talents by the Augustinus foundation 2021

Carl Nielsen Talent Award 2020

Sonning Talent Award 2019

1st Vienna Music Competition 2019 - silver medal

Copenhagen Lied Duo Competition 2019 - best performance of danish repertoire

Musical Seasons in Prague 2011 - first prize

Musica Classica i Moskva 2010 - first prize

Berlingske Tidernes Classical Music Competition 2006 - first prize

Steinway Piano festival 2002 - second prize

Granted other awards for artistic work among others Erna Hamiltons scholarship, Feldthusens Scholarship, S. C. Van Fondens scholarship

## FESTIVALS AND CONCERTS

"Unwavering energy and stylistic

breadth" - Pizzicato Magazine

Has performed as a **soloist with** Århus Symphony Orchestra, Nordic Chamber Orchestra, Qingdao Orchestra, Royal Danish Academy of Music symphony orchestra and Københavns Sinfonia.

Danmark: Among others DR Concert house, live in Danish national radio, Tivoli Concert hall, The Black Diamond, Musikhuset Århus. Concert series such as "Klassisk i Tivoli", Copenhagen Summer Festival, classical music societies such as Bornholm, Roskilde among others.

**China:** Tours in 2017-19 and 2024 in over 30 different concerthalls in the Chinese cities among others Beijing, Shanghai, Harbin, Qingdao, Shenyang, Dalian. Collaboration with Steinway Art Center in northern China and concerts in their art centers.

**Russia:** V Storonu Vyborga 2013, 2014, 2015, Levithan Festival 2014, "Moscow Virtuoso" 2015

Different concerts in other countries among others **Sweden, Norway, Germany, UK, France** 

#### ALBUMS

"Piano works of Niels Viggo Bentzon" DaCapo Records 2023 "24 preludes by Lera Auerbach" NAXOS march 2023

## TEACHERS

Have participated in masterclasses with some of the greatest pianists of our time among others **Sir Andras Schiff**, **Elisabeth Leonskaja, Eugen Indic** 

Studied with **Vera Nosina** in Moscow and **Amalie Malling** in Copenhagen

Works for piano and violin by Beethoven and Schubert og Works for piano and violin by Grieg og Nielsen 2021 Gateway

### EDUCATION

BA - Gnesins Academy of music in Moscow 2011-2015

MA - Royal Danish academy of music 2016-2018

Soloist class - Royal Danish Academy of Music 2018-2022

Composer and performer of the music for the theatre production "Jeppe på Bjerget" in Royal danish Theatre 2025 "Romeo og Juliet" in Malmö Stadsteater 2023-24 and other commissions as composer among others piano quartet "The 4 Winds" for the festival Kulturmødet Mors 2023 and "Arabesques" for The Esbjerg Ensemble 2025

Grand interview in one of top danish newspapers Politiken 13 August 2023. Great album reviews in danish media and internationally: "A deeply cathartic experience" - The Strad and "Young pianist presented himself consciously with great, demanding solo concert" - Politiken among others. More can be read on www.ramezmhaanna.com

Co-creater of the show **"Kinky Classics"** with dragqueen Betty Bitschslap 2020-2022 — a show combining **drag and classical music** chosen by **pov.international** as one of **top 10 queer cultural events in 2021.** 

Co-host of the **podcast "CLASH"**, a classical music podcast for a younger audience. Called **"Original and insightful" in newspaper Politiken**