

Bicentennial Tribute – Chopin and Schumann

A word about the music:

I have recorded these pieces (Chopin Preludes complete, Schuman Fantasie and Romance in F# Major), because they are so powerful for me. I have enjoyed performing them so much.

Through their music Schumann and Chopin became two of my greatest teachers, mentors and soul mates.

Over decades I have learned so many things from Chopin's music, and from Chopin the piano teacher. He teaches about nuance of expression and sound, sophisticated phrasing and fingerings. His love and total devotion to piano is something I can truly identify and resonate with.

The sheer breadth and extreme emotionalism of Schumann, his personal evolution and changing perspective is very present-day. His journey as a man wrestling with everyday life and personal issues alongside a strong desire to make a better world is fervent and alive for me.

The magic of this music speaks for itself; I hope it will speak to you. I believe that knowing these two very different geniuses and being so close to their music has made me a better and smarter person!

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