

ANTÓN & MAITE PIANO DUO

Antón & Maite Piano Duo is one of the most acclaimed Spanish duos of the moment. The high level of their performances, together with their personality and freshness on stage, has led them to perform in countries such as Spain, Germany, Italy, Poland, France, Austria and China and to win dozens of international awards.

Antón Dolgov and Maite León, from Russia and Navarre, met in 2011 at a masterclass and began a relationship. Later they studied at the Conservatorio Superior de Música de Aragón with the pianist Miguel Ángel Ortega Chavalas, where they began to train in the art of duo piano with the Dúo del Valle and the Moreno Gistaín duo, also taking chamber music classes with the Quiroga Quartet. At this time they began to give small concerts together and in 2015 they won their first prize at the Panticosa International Competition. In 2017 they won 2nd Prize at the **Juventudes Musicales de España** Competition, which gave them the opportunity to tour several Spanish cities and in 2018 they were selected by the Asociación de Intérpretes y Ejecutantes to tour as part of their **AIEnRuta** Clásicos circuit. In February 2018 they make their debut at the **Auditorio de Zaragoza**, performing Poulenc's Concerto with the CSMA Symphony Orchestra and Miquel Rodrigo, within the cycle of great Spring concerts, and in March they return to the Auditorio to perform Carnaval de los Animales with the Orquesta Sinfónica Goya. That same year they sign their first **international contract** to perform a series of concerts in China, visiting cities such as Shanghai, Haian, Jining and ending with a concert at the **Harbin Grand Theatre**.

They both finished their higher education studies with the best marks of their class and entered the Kunstuniversität Graz for a **Master's degree in Piano Duo** with the prestigious Israeli duo Silver - Garburg, disciples of Arie Vardi. They move to Austria and begin to focus exclusively on their career as a duo.

In 2019 they won **1st Prize** at the Mirabent i Magrans International Competition, **1st Prize** at the Luigi Zanuccoli International Competition, **1st Prize** at the Antón García Abril International Competition, as well as Special Prize for "The best interpretation of a work by García Abril and **2nd Prize** at the Ciutat de Vinaroz International Competition, closing one of their most successful seasons performing as soloists in the emblematic **Stefaninesaal** of the **Musikverein** in Graz, performing Poulenc's Concerto for two pianos and orchestra under the baton of Ralf Weikert. In 2020 they signed with the record label **IBS Classical**, who recorded and produced their first album ESSENZ, an album that won critical acclaim and the **Melómano de Oro** and five stars from Ritmo Magazine. That same year they are invited to perform in two of the **most important festivals** in Spain: La Schubertiada de Vilabertrán and the Festival de Música y Danza de Granada. In 2021 they continue to reap successes such as the **1st Prize** in the Danubia Talents Competition and the Juventudes Musicales de España Prize in the El Primer Palau International Competition, performing in venues such as the **Palau de la Música Catalana** and the Klagenfurt **Konzerthaus**.

They have made recordings for national **radio and television** such as RTVE Radio Clásica, Cataluña Radio and the podcast Clásica FM. Music critics have described them as a duo "with great sensitivity and musical taste" and a "perfect synchronisation between both pianists" (Diario de Aragón), highlighting "**an admirable technical perfection, musicality and strength**" (Ritmo). They are currently preparing their next album. Fully committed to the dissemination of music for piano duo, they are committed to the professionalisation of this genre and combine their concert life with teaching.