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Vilhelmas Čepinskis Violinist



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BIOGRAPHY

Vilhelmas Čepinskis is a violin virtuoso and conductor who justified all teacher's hopes. Vilhemas Čepinskis was born in Kaunas on March 19, 1977. Music always sounded at parent's home; therefore, the professional choice of the son was no secret. Vilhelmas Čepinskis (b.1977) studied violin at The Julliard School with Dorothy DeLay, and later at the Lithuanian Academy of Music with Stanislovas Čepinskis (graduating in 1999). In 1999 he participated in mastership courses held by Itzhak Perlman. In 1988 he won International Kocian Violin Competition in the Czech Republic, in 1989 he won the nationwide U.S.S.R. competition and became the laureate of the New Names Fund.

Čepinskis started giving concerts when he was only seven: in 1984 he performed at the Kaunas Philharmonic, in 1987 he played for the first time with the Lithuanian National Symphony Orchestra.

The violinist has given concerts together with the most famous performers in the world: V.Spivakov, J.Bashmet and G.Kremer, in 1998 he toured United States of America giving concerts together with the pianist W.T.Smiddy. The violinist has performed in many of the most renowned concert halls of the world: in 1996 in Tilles Center (New York), in 1997 Carnegie Hall (New York), in 1999 Concertgebouw (Amsterdam), in 2000 in the Great Hall of the Moscow Concervatoire. Vilhelmas Čepinskis has participated in the following international music festivals: in Meranofest, Ankara, Westfold, Pažaislis and Vilnius festivals and has given solo concerts and concerts with orchestras all over Europe, the Dominican Republic and the United States of America.

By personal invitation of Yehudi Menuhin, Čepinskis played together with the London Symphony Orchestra, performed during the official visits of the Queen of Sweden and Norwegian Royal Family to Lithuania as well as on the occasion of Lithuania's membership of the United Nations in 1991. Vilhelmas Čepinskis has been constantly giving concerts at the Lithuanian National Philharmonic and has participated in the Philharmonic season, opening and closing concerts, which were broadcasted on national television. The violinist has recorded five compact discs that demonstrate a comprehensive repertoire of classical violin music. Numerous awards have proved the quality of Vilhelmas Čepinskis's performance. In 1991 he was awarded the Mariapia Fanfani Fund medal "Together for Peace", which was presented by the Queen of Spain, in 2003 the President of the Republic of Lithuania Valdas Adamkus awarded him with the Cross of the Knight for his service to the country.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM

A very talented young person, I found his playing extraordinary. He is already not only a great virtuoso, but also a violinist of very high culture. His playing evoked in me associations with the fantastic musicianship of Heifetz. Actually, it has been a long time since I have heard a young person play so movingly".

Sir Yehudi Menuhin, "Kauno diena", April 1998

"I thought his playing was superb, a real talent, worthy of immediate praise. The Sibelius Violin concerto sorts the men from the boys not only in technique, but also in generosity of spirit. I was reminded of the imperious playing of David Oistrakh. In hearing this very fine soloist in Sibelius. At 21, and with the delightful personality, I predict great things for this young virtuoso".

Edward W.Clark, President, The United Kingdom Sibelius Society, "Musical Journal", London, 1998

"...the duo's brilliant, utterly fearless virtuosity made the Allegro molto finale truly captivating. <...> Revel's Tzigane was impressive for its immaculate execution and attractive musicality..."

Dennis Rooney, "The Strad", USA, October 2000

"What a pleasant experience! Vilhelmas Cepinskis is totally a poet of the violin, and the purity of his sound, full of exquisite harmonies, permitted him to regale us with an interpretation of Max Bruch No.1 without affectation nor mannerisms, but with quite an uncommon global feeling of the work"

Eduardo Villanueva, "Hoy", Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 15 June 2000

"...violinist Cepinskis is a formidable presenter. The whirling virtuoso paces of Sarasate's Carmen Fantasy, which concluded the program proper, seemed as nothing to him. Striking a pose of confidence and poise, Cepinskis ripped through the work's bravado paces with a fire and confidence born of familiarity..."

"Edmonton Journal", Canada, 7 March 2002

"...The Concerto for Violin and Orchestra by Max Bruch was performed by violinist Vilhelmas Cepinskis who studied with the legendary violin pedagogue Dorothy DeLay. This was the principal attraction of the evening. The orchestra easily and refreshingly supported the violinist's breathtaking and ideal mastery of his instrument. The performers entrusted the emotional effect to the music itself, and did not overextend nor overpressure it, but rather presented it clearly and soberly. Such a distancing, perhaps, had some inclination toward coldness, but, at the same time, spoke of a surprising discipline and control." **"Südthüringer Zeitung", 24 April 2002,**

Germany.

CURRICULUM VITAE

Fundamental debuts

1984 - In Kaunas Philharmonic Society (was 7 years old)

1987 - First concert with Lithuanian National Symphonic Orchestra

1996 - Concert in Tilles Center (New York)

1997 - Concert in Carnegie Hall (New York)

1999 - Concert in Concertgebouw (Amsterdam)

2000 - Concert in Moscow Conservatory

Concerts

V.Čepinskis has played solo and with orchestra all over the Europe, USA and Domenic Republic.

He played together with V.Spivakov, J.Bashmet, D.Geringas and G.Kremer.

In 1998 he organized a concert tour with pianist W.T.Smiddy in USA.

Violinist took a part in international music festivals: in Meranofest, Ankara, Westfold, Pažaislis and Vilnius festivals.

Sir Yehudi Menuhin personally invited V.Čepinskis to perform a concert with London Symphonic Orchestra.

Special appearances

V.Čepinskis was invited to play during Queen of Sweden and Royal Family of Norway official visit in Lithuania.

In 1991 he played in United Nations when Lithuania became a member of United Nations.

He always takes a part in opening and closing of Lithuanian National Symphonic Orchestra concert seasons.

In 1991 Queen of Spain invested him with a Mariapia Fanfani fond medal for peace.

In 2003 President of Lithuania Valdas Adamkus awarded him to Knight Cross for worthiness to Lithuanian Republic.

In December 2004 V.Čepinskis organized a String Orchestra. He invited many young and talented Lithuanian musicians to play in this orchestra. Since March 2005 this orchestra is called "Camerata Klaipėda".

In 2005 V.Čepinskis represented Lithuania in exhibition EXPO 2005 in Japan.

Education

In 1999 V.Čepinskis took a part in the master class of Itzhak Perlman.

In 1997 he graduated Julliard School of Music (Dorothy Delay class).

In 1999 graduated Lithuanian Academy of Music (Stanislovas Čepinskis class).

REPERTOIRE

Concertos

Bach in D minor, in A minor, in E, in D minor 1052 [arr.for violin by V.Cepinskis], double concerto in D minor

Vivaldi op.3 (complete), op. 4 (complete), op.8 (complete), po. 9(complete) and others, RV 547 smuikui, celei ir orkestrui, RV 548 obojui smuikui ir orkestrui, RV 552, concerto 212 A, RV 581, RV 275, RV 531 and others.

Mozart no.2,3,4,5,Concertone for two violins, Symphony Concertante,

Brahms in D, Double Concerto,

Beethoven in D, Triple in C,

Paganini no.1., no.2.,

Wieniavsky no.2,

Mendelssohn Double Concerto,

Chausson Double Concerto

Bruch no.1,

Britten Concerto,

Tchaikovsky,

Sibelius,

Schostakovich no.1,

Prokofjev no.1, and others

Recital for two violins: A.Vivaldi for two violins in G major, E.Ysaye sonata for two violins, S.Prokofiev sonata in C major, op. 56,

M.Rozsa sonata op. 15a.

Sonatas for Violin and Piano;

Handel Six Sonatas,

Bach Six Sonates,

Leclair Sonate in D, six sonatas for two violins.

Mozart Sonates,

Beethoven Sonate no.1,3,5,7,9,

R.Strauss Sonate in E flat

Major,C.Saint-Saens sonate in D minor, no.1.,

Faure Sonate in A Major no.1.,

Franck Sonate in A Major,

Debussy Sonate,

Ravel Sonate,

Grieg Sonate no.1,3 and other. **Violin miniatures,variations,arangements.....**

DISCOGRAPHY

LITHUANIAN NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Juozas DOMARKAS (director)

Vilhelmas ČEPINSKIS (violín)

Alexander Scriabin

Poema del éxtasis op.54

Dmitry Schostakovich

Concierto para violín y orquesta op.99, la-menor

LITHUANIAN NATIONAL PHILHARMONIC

Juozas DOMARKAS (director)

Vilhelmas ČEPINSKIS (violín)

1. Jean Sibelius Concierto para violín y orquesta re-menor, op. 47

2. Niccolò Paganini Concierto para violín y orquesta N° 2 si-menor, op. 7

3. Pablo de Sarasate Fantasía Carmen, op. 25

SALUT D'AMOUR

Vilhelmas ČEPINSKIS (violín)

Guoda GEDVILAITĖ (piano)

1. Edward Elgar Saludo de amor

2. Fritz Kreisler Penas de amor

3. Sergey Rakhmaninov Margaritas

4. Claude Debussy Muchacha de los cabellos de lino

5. Felix Mendelssohn Auf Flügeln des Gesanges

6. Sergey Prokofiev Marcha

7. Henryk Wieniawski Romanza sin palabras

8. Fritz Kreisler Síncopas

9. Claude Debussy Bella tarde
10. Manuel Ponce Estrellita
11. Sergey Rakhmaninov Se está bien aquí
12. Aram Khachaturian La danza de las espadas
13. Jules Massenet Meditación
14. Fritz Kreisler Pequeña marcha vienesa
15. Claude Debussy Claro de luna
16. Sergey Rakhmaninov Vokalise
17. Stephen Foster Jenny la pelirroja
18. Giuseppe Giordani Caro mio ben
19. Robert Schumann Traumerei

Beethoven Brahms Strauss
SONATAS
Vilhelmas ČEPINSKIS (violín)
Guoda GEDVILAITĖ (piano)

1. Ludwig van Beethoven Sonata N° 7 do-menor , op.30
2. Johannes Brahms Sonata N° 2 La-Mayor, op.100
3. Richard Strauss Sonata Mi bemol-Mayor, op.18

DUO RECITAL
Vilhelmas ČEPINSKIS (violín)
Pavel BERMAN (violín)

1. Antonio Vivaldi Sonata para dos violines Sol-Mayor, RV 71
2. Eugene Ysaye Sonata para dos violines
3. Sergei Prokofiev Sonata Do-Mayor, op.56
4. Miklos Rozsa Sonata op.15a