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JOHN COVELLI

PIANIST



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BIOGRAPHY

While recognized as one of the more versatile conductors of his generation, John Covelli has for most of his life been known and respected as an extra-ordinary pianistic talent.

PIANO PRODIGY

As a Chicago-born piano prodigy studying since age four, he was credited in his youth with numerous concerts, broadcast recitals, special musical awards, performances at the Chicago Music Festival, with the Chicago Symphony at age 9; recipient of the Chicagoland Festival Award; a highly lauded all-Bach concert at the Texas Bach Festival, as well as composing prizes. As a teenager, he was the only concert pianist ever to win the famous Godfrey Talent Scout Program and appeared in a series of nationwide CBS-TV performances.

His New York debut drew rave notices from every newspaper and major publication present including the Times stating "This is one of the best debut recitals in our recollection." While conductor and soloist of the famed Seventh Army Symphony, he was selected special musical ambassador for USIS gleaning accolades as featured touring soloist throughout Europe.

PIANO COMPETITIONS

As a winner in two of Europe's most prestigious piano competitions - the Queen Elizabeth of Brussels, and Busoni International Piano Competition in Bolzano, Italy, John Covelli was launched from youthful prodigy to an international performer of major standing. Critical praise from major music capitals was unanimous:

CONDUCTOR/PIANIST

In addition to solo piano concerts, the unique excitement this artist brings to the dual role of conductor/pianist in a wide range of concertos - from Gershwin, Gottschalk, Shostakovitch, and Saint Saens, to Bach, Beethoven, Mozart and more -has become a special part of the Covelli international musical charisma

CHAMBER MUSIC

Covelli is a pianist who enjoys the challenges of chamber music and relishes the musical alchemy of working with fellow artists. In addition to many years of collaborative concerts with master violinist Aaron Rosand (with whom he made numerous recordings), he has performed with quartets, trios, and chamber ensembles in a wide variety of repertoire.

MASTER TEACHER

Recently, he has discovered the joys of working with advanced pianists and is now available for master classes and special coaching sessions emphasizing repertoire and performance preparation. More than just a teacher, John Covelli's unique experiences on the podium and as soloist give authenticity, poetry, and practicality to his master classes.

He also serves on the Advisory Board of Piano Arts National Concerto Competition of Milwaukee.

RECORDINGS

His recordings are found on Vox, Audiophon and Columbia labels, and a Fanfare/Carlton Classics release features Conductor/Pianist John Covelli and the Moscow Philharmonic performing Shostakovich and Saint Saens 2nd Piano Concertos with the rarely heard Saint Saens Caprice Valse "Wedding Cake".

A new Covelli CD of popular solo piano favorites "A Special Concert for Friends", performed and recorded at the Glenn Gould Hall, CBC Toronto, will be available this year.

REVIEWS

"JOHN COVELLI -AN EXTRAORDINARY PIANISTIC TALENT!" **Amsterdam**

"Covelli could hardly be surpassed: "It was ultra piano virtuosity" **Munich**

"One of the rare musicians who connects intelligence with expressive feeling and exuberance." **Berlin**

"Covelli is the best!" **Brussels**

"We have seldom heard an artist whose piano performance was such a sheer pleasure....Covelli is a genuine master." **Stuttgart**

"Refreshing - virile and splendidly clear" **London**

COVELLI'S SOLO PIANO PERFORMANCE AN EXCITING, DYNAMIC "10" **Palm Beach**