



# Duo Grimbert/Barber

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## **Duo Grimbert/Barber- BIOGRAPHY**

The **Duo Grimbert/Barber** was created in 2007 when two young musicians from different countries had the chance opportunity to perform together. Since their initial meeting, they have already performed numerous concerts and recorded two CD's and DVD's under the **label E.G.B.**

They strive to share and bring music to all parts of the world, having performed in rural country venues to the most reputable concert halls in major cities. Their programs consist of a wide repertoire from classic to romantic to original works written by the **cellist Jonathan Grimbert-Barre**, with the ideal of presenting a unique journey full of different musical colors for the listener.

# Cellist BIOGRAPHY

The cellist, from France, is also a composer and has received important prizes including the **Diplomas (Unanimously) from Paris conservatory** in 2002 and the **Diploma “Concert Performer”** in 2006 from “Accademia di Santa Cecilia” in Rome. The latter allowed him to play a recital in the famous “**Parco della Musica**” auditorium in Rome. He was then admitted in different master-classes in Europe with **Philippe Muller, Gary Hoffman, and Rocco Filipini**. Upon his return in France, the **Foundation of the “Banque Populaire”(Natexis)** awarded him the prize of their foundation for promoting new compositions. Following the award, Jonathan wrote a **triple concerto** which has been performed by himself and two of his brothers (a violinist and violist) along with a full choir and symphony orchestra. His double activities continue to make him travel to different countries such as **France, Italy, Albania, Belgium, Czech Republic, Africa, and Guadeloupe**.

# Pianist BIOGRAPHY

The pianist was born in Denver, Colorado. He has worked with some of the most prestigious teachers in the United States and Europe including Larry Graham in Boulder, Colorado, **Yoheved Kaplinsky** from the Juilliard School of Music, **Emilio del Rosario** from the Music Institute of Chicago, and French pianists **Jean-Yves Thibaudet and Jean-Claude Penner**. In 2005 he entered Indiana University and has been mentored by the celebrated pianist b>Andre Watts ever since. Ian has won several competitions including **Wells Music/Yamaha competitions, MTNA Competitions, and Concerto Competitions**. After winning the **2004 Yamaha Piano Competition**, he was selected to perform with the **National Repertory Orchestra** in the Breckenridge Music Festival playing Rachmaninoff's 2nd piano concerto. The following year, after winning the **Denver/Steinway Piano Competition**, he was invited to perform with the Colorado Symphony. In 2008, Ian won the **Indiana University Concerto Competition** playing the 2nd Brahms Concerto. Since then, he has been performing regularly in the **United States and Europe**.