



## PIANIST TRA NGUYEN

"Powerfully persuasive" The Gramophone

British-Vietnamese pianist Tra Nguyen's performances have been praised as "coruscating" (The Independent), "sophisticated" (Rheinpfalz-Zeitung) and possessing "surpassing keyboard artistry and passion" (American Record Guide). Her recent recordings on Sterling and Grand Piano Naxos were chosen twice as Album of the Week by The Independent, in March 2010 and April 2012.

Tra's imaginative programming balances core repertoire and lesser-known music. She worked with Sterling Records to produce premiere recordings of music for piano and orchestra by Joachim Raff with conductors Andrea Quinn, Roland Kluttig and the Symphony Orchestra of Norrlands Opera. The recent chamber music CD with clarinetist Sabine Grotmeier has been released on ARS Produktion, featuring works of the German romantics and their contemporaries. Her recent series of 6 CDs of mostly world premiere recordings of Joachim Raff piano music have been produced by NAXOS Records and has earned wide critical acclaims.

Tra gave her first performance at the Hanoi Opera House when she was ten and has continued to engage audiences in other prestigious venues worldwide (Queen Elizabeth Hall, Cadogan Hall, Wigmore Hall, the Kennedy Center and Tokyo Opera City amongst others). Tra Nguyen studied with Lev Naumov in Moscow Conservatory and with Christopher Elton at the Royal Academy of Music, London. She has been awarded with ARAM (Associate of the Royal Academy of Music) for her "significant contribution to the music profession" in 2013.