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Marie Catherine GIROD (Piano - France)

Marie Catherine Girod has won a unique place in the music world thanks to the audacious and virtuosic manner with which she defends unknown and rarely played works. With flawless technique and sincere conviction, she has introduced audiences the world over to composers such as Decaux, Tournemire, Le Flem, D'Indy, Emmanuel, Aubert, Bax and Bowen. At the same time, Ms. Girod devotes the same ardor and devotion to the standard repertoire, and her recordings of Chopin, Frank, Rachmaninoff and Weber have won critical and popular acclaim.

A regular featured artist at international music festivals, Ms. Girod has performed in the Festival Chopin de Bagatelle, the Festival de Nohant, La Roque d'Antheron and the Folles Journées of Nantes and Tokyo, the Settembre Musica of Turin, and the Husum rare piano music festival in Germany. She is also a regular guest on radio broadcasts of France Musique and Radio Classique.

With an impressive discography comprising over thirty titles of which a large number are world premieres, Ms. Girod has received numerous awards for her recordings : Diapason d'Or, Choc du Monde de la Musique, 10 de Répertoire-the major French music magazines have all praised her original repertoire where one can hear Pierre Octave Ferroud and Gabriel Dupont next to Manuel Rosenthal or Gustave Samazeuilh. The Grand Prix de l'Académie du Disque Français was awarded two times to Ms. Girod, for her recording of sonatas by Georges Auric, Henri Dutilleux and André Jolivet, and again for her complete cycle of the sonatas of Maurice Emmanuel. She also received the Grand Prix International Charles Cros for her recording of the works of Arthur Lourié.

Concert artist and pedagogue, Ms. Girod is professor of piano at the Ecole Normale de Musique in Paris.

Impassioned, enthusiastic and sensitive in all her appearances on stage, Marie Catherine Girod strives in all her repertoire to present the piano in all its aspects at the highest artistic level.

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