



Yves HENRY (Piano - France)

Born in 1959, Yves Henry studied with Pierre Sancan at the Paris Conservatoire and followed several other classes, winning seven first prizes. In 1981, after having worked with Aldo Ciccolini for three years, he won First Grand Prize at the Robert Schumann International Competition in Zwickau, establishing his international career.

Although Schumann specialist, he has a great affinity with Chopin to whom he devotes a large part of his musical life. A member of the Programme Committee of the Chopin Institute in Warsaw on the occasion of the Chopin bicentennial in 2010, he has been awarded the *Gloria Artist* by the Polish government for his contribution to the Chopin Year in France. He also published a book/CD titled *Les Étés de Frédéric Chopin à Nohant*. Since 2011, he has been President of the Nohant Festival Chopin, after fifteen years as its artistic director.

His recent discography features a Liszt album in 2011; in 2014 a 2-CD set devoted to the reconstitution of Chopin's last concert in Paris ('Editor choice' of France Musique) and, in 2015, a Liszt/Schumann/Chopin program recorded on historical pianos. In 2017, alongside with his album titled *Orchestral Piano Works* including his own transcriptions, he released a 4-CD set of the complete works composed by Chopin in Nohant between 1839 and 1846. In 2018 he published a Debussy CD in Japan and in 2019, he'll publish the complete Chopin Mazurkas on piano (Pleyel 1837) and the first CD in a series of 5 CD's dedicated to Robert and Clara Schumann.

Highly praised teacher, Yves Henry is Professor at the Paris Conservatoire and is regularly invited to give master classes at universities in the USA, Japan and China. He sits on juries of important international competitions (Monte-Carlo World Piano Masters, Dvořák Piano Competition, Schumann International Competition in Zwickau or Chopin International Piano Competition in Warsaw). He is an honorary member of the Japan Piano Teachers Association.

In January 2010, he was promoted to the rank of Officer in the Order of Arts and Letters.