



## LUCAS & ARTHUR JUSSEN

### Piano

*“Under their hands, the two pianos form one flowing instrument”*

De Volkskrant

‘It is like driving a pair of BMWs’, remarked conductor Michael Schønwandt, after directing the Dutch brothers Lucas and Arthur Jussen. Despite their young age, they have been a part of the international concert world for years. Whether they perform as a duo or as soloists, Lucas and Arthur are praised by both press and

audiences.

Lucas and Arthur received their first piano lessons from Leny Bettman in their native town of Hilversum. In 2001, Lucas (born in 1993) reached the finale of the Three-day Rotterdam Piano Festival and in 2004, Arthur (born in 1996) was chosen as ‘Young Musical Talent of the Year’ at the National Contest of the Young Musical Talent Foundation. In 2005, the brothers studied in Portugal and Brazil for nearly a year at the invitation of Portuguese master pianist Maria João Pires. In the following years they took lessons from both Pires and two renowned Dutch teachers: Jan Wijn, piano pedagogue who took them under his wing, and Ton Hartsuiker, with whom they broadened their knowledge of 20th-century music. In 2011, Lucas and Arthur received the first ever Concertgebouw Young Talent Award, and in 2013 they won the Audience Award of the Festspiele Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.

Lucas and Arthur have performed with nearly all Dutch orchestras, including the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, the Rotterdam and The Hague Philharmonic orchestras, and the Radio Chamber Philharmonic Orchestra. They have also performed with acclaimed international orchestras, amongst others, the Mariinsky Theatre Symphony Orchestra, Dallas Symphony Orchestra, Hong Kong Philharmonic, Shanghai Symphony Orchestra, Sydney Symphony Orchestra and MDR Symphony Orchestra Leipzig. They have worked with conductors such as Valery Gergiev, Jaap van Zweden, Jukka-Pekka Saraste, Claus Peter Flor, Eliahu Inbal, Jan Willem de Vriend, Stéphane Denève, James Gaffigan, Sir Neville Marriner and Frans Brüggen. Moreover, they have collaborated with several renowned musicians such as Chinese star pianist Lang Lang, with whom Lucas shared the stage during the Prinsengracht Concert in Amsterdam in 2006. In October 2013, Lucas and Arthur performed the world premiere of *Together*, a work for two pianos written for them by Theo Loevendie.

Besides their orchestral concerts, the brothers are also known and celebrated for their recitals. They performed in both the Master Pianists and Robeco series of the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam and have performed for the former Dutch queen Beatrix on several occasions. In 2014, Lucas and Arthur accompanied Dutch king Willem-Alexander and queen Maxima on their first official visit to Poland. They have performed in most concert halls in the Netherlands and have given recitals in concert halls and festivals across Europe, such as the Herkulesaal (Munich), Rheingau Music Festival, Festival de Piano de La Roque d'Anthéron and White Nights Festival in St. Petersburg. International tours also brought them beyond Europe to Japan (2012), China (2013) and South Korea (2014).

In 2010, Lucas and Arthur signed a record deal with Deutsche Grammophon. Their debut CD with works by Beethoven received platinum status and was awarded the Edison Klassiek Publieksprijs (audience award). After a successful Schubert recording, they dedicated their third CD *Jeux* to French piano music. In October 2015, their fourth CD was released on which they perform Mozart’s piano concertos KV365 and KV242, together with the Academy of St Martin in the Fields,

under the baton of Sir Neville Marriner. The album reached gold status and was listed by Gramophone UK among 'The 50 Greatest Mozart Recordings'. A new recording with works by Poulenc and Saint-Saëns will be released in March 2017 (Concertgebouw Orchestra & Stéphane Denève).

Lucas studied with Menahem Pressler in the US and Dmitri Bashkirov at the Escuela Superior de Música Reina Sofía in Madrid, where the Spanish queen Sofia presented him with the prize for 'Best piano trio school year 2013/2014'. Arthur studies with Jan Wijn at the Amsterdam Conservatory.

**SEASON 2016/2017**

**WE UPDATE OUR BIOGRAPHIES REGULARLY. PLEASE DO NOT USE PREVIOUSLY DATED MATERIAL.**