

Ido Zeev - Pianist

"He is a big talent, a brilliant pianist, a very dedicated and sensitive musician...I highly recommend him to your attention"

Martha Argerich

"...an exceptional pianist. He has a phenomenal technique...a warm rounded tone and is an excellent communicator. His playing also shows a deep understanding of the music and high intelligence."

Marios Papadopoulos, MBE. Music director of the Oxford Philharmonic Orchestra

The 25-year-old Israeli pianist Ido Zeev was catapulted onto the international stage after winning the 3rd prize at the Vigo International Piano Competition with Martha Argerich as president of the jury. In the same competition, he received two other prizes including the Audience Award.

In recent seasons, Ido Zeev has appeared in some of the greatest international festivals, including Allgemeine Musikgesellschaft Basel (AMG), the Oxford Piano Festival and the Santa Cecilia International Festival. In 2024, he will make his debut at the Martha Argerich Festival in Hamburg and at Festival International de Piano de La Roque d'Anthéron as *New Generation of the Piano*.

In a review of his concert tour in Germany during the season 2022-2023, the Märkische Allgemeine Zeitung writes: "One immediately realizes Ido Zeev is technically brilliant. Concentrated and deeply absorbed, his hands seem to have a life of their own...The Adagio (from Beethoven's sonata op. 32) is the final jewel of the evening - for 20 whole minutes it sends the audience into a breathless spell".

His love for music became evident at the age of 6, when, without his parents' knowledge, he signed up for an electric keyboard course after school. At the age of 10, he started playing the piano in the class of Ms. Ganit Polin. Progressing in giant steps, he soon established himself as one of the most promising young pianists in Israel, winning first prizes in the major competitions in the country. Since then he has won top prizes in various international competitions such as the Vendome Prize, the Sanremo International Piano Competition, the Vigo International Piano Competition and more.

Ido Zeev has worked with some of the world's most esteemed musicians including Nikolai Lugansky, Evgeny Kissin, Christoph Eschenbach, Menahem Pressler, Boris Berezovsky and Michel Béroff among others. He has been guided by Prof. Arie Vardi since 2016.