

Yevgeny Sudbin stands out among his generation as a young pianist with great sensitivity, imagination and musical insight.

To mark the release of his CD featuring Scarlatti keyboard sonatas, he talks to **Chloe Cutts** about these 'original and happy freaks'



## Infinite variety

**Name** Yevgeny Sudbin

**Nationality** Russian

**Age** 24

**Studied/Teachers** Lubov Pevsner (St Petersburg Conservatory, Russia); Galina Iwanzowa (Hochschule Hanns Eisler, Berlin, Germany); Christopher Elton (Purcell School of Music, Royal Academy of Music, London, UK). Also studies at the International Piano Foundation, Lake Como, Italy.

**Accolades** Winner of the Young Virtuosi International Piano Competition (1998), the Steinway Piano Competition (1992, 1993 and 1995), the International Piano Competition Concertino Praga (1994),

and the Jaques Samuel Piano Competition (2003). Second prize winner of the Vendôme Prize (2000). Recipient of the Alfred Brendel Prize, and the Hattori, Myra Hess, and Orpheum Public awards (2000).

**Recordings and broadcasts** Recordings of Bach's D minor Keyboard Concerto and other works with the London Octave Orchestra (2003, Octave Classics). Scarlatti keyboard sonatas (released 28 February 2005, BIS); Rachmaninoff's *Variations on a Theme by Chopin*, Op.22, and Piano Sonata No.2 (released late-2005, BIS). BBC Radio 3 broadcasts performing Tchaikovsky and Prokofiev piano concertos with the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, and a recital with the violinist Ilya Gringolts.

**Performance highlights** At the Rudolfinum in Prague performing Mozart's Piano Concerto in A, K488, with the Czech RSO/Vladimir Vaiek; at the Philharmonie in Cologne playing a Prokofiev piano concerto with the Cologne RSO/Hans Vonk. Recitals at Wigmore Hall, the Purcell Room and St Petersburg Conservatoire.

**Upcoming performances** Performing at the Orpheus & Bacchus Autumn Music Festival in Gensac, France on 26 September 2005. Visit [www.orpheusandbacchus.com](http://www.orpheusandbacchus.com) for details.

**Other Collaborations** Violinists Ilya Gringolts and Julia Fisher, and the Chilingirian String Quartet.