



ILLIA OVCHARENKO – Piano 2026-27 Season

Winner of the 2022 Honens International Piano Competition and the Kissinger KlavierOlymp in 2024, Ukrainian pianist **Illia Ovcharenko** has taken the piano world by storm. At the age of 25, he has already been praised for his technical mastery, perseverance against adversity, and unique intellectual and emotional understanding of musical text.

Illia has appeared as a soloist with orchestras including Deutsches Symphonie-Orchester Berlin, Orchestre national d'Île-de-France, Toronto Symphony Orchestra, Israel Philharmonic Orchestra and the Youth Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine. He has given recitals at venues including Carnegie Hall, Elbphilharmonie Hamburg and Wigmore Hall, and at festivals including the Gstaad Menuhin Festival and Dresdner Musikfestspiele.

The 2026-27 season includes debuts with the Copenhagen Philharmonic, Orchestra del Teatro Comunale di Bologna, Bursa Symphony Orchestra and Ningbo Symphony Orchestra, as well as his debut at the Mozartwoche.

In March 2026, Illia released his debut concerto album, *Manu Sinistra*, with the MDR-Sinfonieorchester and Oksana Lyniv on PENTATONE, receiving rave reviews in the international press. Previously, he released the albums *Whispers and Thunder* (Steinway & Sons) and *Litany* (DiscAuverS).

Born in Ukraine, Illia studied with Arie Vardi in Israel and is currently pursuing a master's degree at the Hochschule für Musik, Theater und Medien Hannover.

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