

LUIS MAGALHÃES

Portuguese pianist, Luis Magalhães, started playing piano at the age of five, receiving tuition from Eduardo Rocha, José Alexandre Reis, Pedro Burmester and Vladimir Viardo, as well as masterclasses from, amongst others, Helena Sá e Costa, Paul Badura-Skoda, Dimitri Bashkirov and Alicia de Larrocha.

Mr. Magalhães has won several prizes at national and international competitions, including first prize at the Maria Campina Competition, second prize at the Juventude Musical Portuguesa Competition, second prize (Chamber Music) at the Jovens Músicos Competition, honorary mention at the Helena Sá e Costa Competition, as well as second prize for the best performance of Russian music and best performance of Rachmaninoff at the 2002 Russian Music International Piano Competition, USA. In 2001 he was awarded the National Medal for Cultural Achievements by the Mayor of Famalicão, Portugal.

A concert pianist since the age of nine, Mr. Magalhães has given numerous recital, concerto and chamber music performances in Europe, Asia, South America and Africa, rendering rave reviews. He also regularly appears in concert with his wife, pianist Nina Schumann having recorded together a CD with the complete works for two pianos by Sergei Rachmaninoff under Universal Music label.

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