

## Ronald Van Spaendonck

Ronald Van Spaendonck is considered to be one of the best clarinetists of his generation. Teaching clarinet at the Brussels and Mons Royal Conservatories and at the Ecole Normale de Musique in Paris (Alfred Cortot), he is also an honorary professor at the Guangzhou Conservatory (China). In September 2000, he was selected as a BBC New Generation Artist and was invited to perform with the BBC Scottish Symphony, BBC Philharmonic Orchestra and the BBC National Orchestra of Wales, the latter with which he made his debut at the BBC Proms in July 2002. Ronald Van Spaendonck has performed in the greatest concert halls with the best orchestras, including the Belgian National Orchestra, the Orquestra Clássica do Porto, the Oulu City Orchestra in Finland, the Symphonic Orchestra of Zurich, the Luxembourg Philharmonic Orchestra, the Deutsches Symphonie-Orchester Berlin, the Simon Bolivar Orchestra of Venezuela and the Sao Paulo Orchestra of Brazil. His chamber music partners include string quartets such as Skampa, Ysaye, Belcea, Szymanowski and Aviv and the violinist Gidon Kremer, to mention just a few. He has received numerous international awards: Winner of the European Youth Competition in Zurich, First Prize in the International TROMP competition in Eindhoven, First Prize in the Dos Hermanas International Competition (Seville) and First Prize in the A.Gi.Mus Wind Instruments International Competition in Rome. His teachers were Walter Boeykens, Anthony Pay (London) and Karl Leister (Berlin). He has recorded extensively to unanimous critical acclaim.