



CLAIRE OPPERT, cellist

Born in Paris, Claire Oppert graduated from the *Moscow Conservatory* in 1993.

She regularly performs with renowned musicians such as Boris Berezovsky, Brigitte Engerer, Olivier Charlier, Pierre Amoyal, and Ilya Grubert, and has participated in many festivals including *Les Folles Journées de Nantes*, *Festival Radio France-Montpellier*, *Festival Présences* (Maison de la Radio, Paris), and the *Autumn Festival of Moscow*.

As part of her duo with pianist Roustem Saitkoulov, she has performed in many countries in Europe, Asia, Africa, and Australia, and has recorded 3 CDs with works from Schumann, Strauss, Dvorak and Shostakovich, among others. Her CD with the Trio Saitkoulov was awarded the First Prize at the *Concours International du Meilleur Enregistrement Sonore* (CIMES, Paris, 2014).

As a member of quartet *Ensemble Hélios* for 9 years, she has created over 30 works by contemporary composers such as Thierry Escaïch, Philippe Hersant, Nicolas Bacri, Jindrich Feld, and Graciane Finzi, and recorded several CDs for important labels such as *Maguelone* and *Traversière*.

Claire Oppert also performed as a soloist with the *Antwerp Chamber Orchestra*, *the Baden-Baden Symphony Orchestra*, *the Johannesburg National Orchestra* and several Russian symphony orchestras. She has been regularly invited to participate in orchestra performances with the *Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra*.

Claire Oppert is an outstanding teacher known for her exceptional ability to develop young talent. She has been teaching for more than 25 years at institutions such as *Rachmaninov Conservatory* in Paris, *Conservatoire Claude Debussy* in Saint-Germain-en-Laye and *London Performing Academy of Music* in London. She is regularly invited to give masterclasses at *Zahar Bron School* of Music in Zürich and at the *International Menuhin Music Academy* in Rolle, Switzerland.

Many of her students have been distinguished in national and international competitions, including *Jung Ludwig* in Berlin, German national competition *Jugend Musiziert*, *Concours international FLAME* in Paris and French TV-Broadcast Competition *Prodiges*.

Alongside her musical career, Claire studied philosophy and completed a Bachelor's Degree at the *Sorbonne University* in Paris; she later specialized in Aesthetics and Philosophy of Art.