

## Duo - Marina Russman and Christian Strauss

Since 2014 Soprano Marina Russmann and Concert Pianist Christian Strauss have appeared regularly in duet recitals. Featuring the ringing, lirico-spinto soprano of Ms Russmann and the spectacular pianism of Mr. Strauss - both in solo pieces and as an expert accompanist- their exceptional programs have created enormous interest; invitations for the duo have come from concert presenters throughout Germany and abroad.

Among their recent performances, for example, the Duo has showcased the Lieder, piano masterworks and concert arias of Rachmaninov, Prokofiev, Schubert, Schumann, Strauss and Wagner. The resulting reviews have been consistently glowing.

For example, Nikolaus Furch wrote in the Kirner Wochenspiegel:

*"... Marina Russmann sang with pure expressiveness... .  
Christian Strauss' highly sensitive playing as accompanist and  
concert pianist enhanced the concert evening to wondrous effect ..."*

Karl Haxel's assessment in the Rhein-Lahn-Zeitung was no less laudatory:

*"... soprano Marina Russmann and pianist Christian Strauss presented a glorious span  
of melody to the large audience. ... The soprano's intense lyricism, masterful tonal  
modulation and bewitching urgency are thrilling. ... Christian Strauss' piano playing was  
undeniably a great artistic addition ..."*