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Nurit Stark | violin
Cédric Pescia | piano

This gripping duo of Nurit Stark and Cédric Pescia is on the one hand authentically raw and wild, and on the other hand infinitely tender and delicate. This is music that gets under your skin!



“Stark and Pescia aren’t afraid to get their hands dirty, and Stark’s lower strings sometimes buzz against the fingerboard. But there’s fantasy here too, and the pair have a remarkable knack for holding these elements in balance – and finding exactly the right tone-colour at any given instant, whether Pescia’s metallic left-hand motor-rhythms or Stark’s throaty harmonics in the central Molto quieto. ... Pescia’s command of both form and colour also makes for a compelling account of the Piano Sonata.”

Gramophone | CD Bloch | *Richard Bratby*

Joseph Joachim, who premiered Robert Schumann’s D minor Sonata, proclaimed it ‘one of the loveliest creations of recent times’. It’s hard not to agree with him when listening to the fiercely passionate interpretation of Nurit Stark. [...] Her collaboration with Cédric Pescia is delightfully dovetailed, and they find plenty of detail in the following variations.

The Strad | CD Schumann | *Carlos Maria Solare*

The Israeli violinist Nurit Stark studied at Juilliard School of Music, in Cologne and Universität der Künste Berlin. As a soloist she has appeared with numerous symphony orchestras. Cédric Pescia studied in Lausanne, Geneva and Berlin. In 2002 he won the “Gina Bachauer International Artists Piano Competition” and performed on the most important stages in Germany and abroad. The ensemble is characterized by a virtuoso as well as sensitive art of interpretation. The audience and the press both appreciate the two instrumentalists for their outstanding feeling for dealing with sound qualities. The programmes are particularly characterized by the exciting dialogue between classic-romantic and rarely heard or contemporary works.

The duo performs regularly throughout Europe. The latest seasons brought the duo amongst others to Heidelberg, Fulda, Mannheim, Marseille, to WestCork Festival, the Brandenburgische Sommerkonzerte and to Brucknerhaus Linz. The Duo Stark has already recorded three highly acclaimed CDs for Claves: The first one with works by Busoni and Enescu, a second one dedicated to Clara and Robert Schumann and third, a recording of works by Ernest Bloch.