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**Nurit Stark** | violin  
**Cédric Pescia** | piano

The Israeli violinist Nurit Stark studied at Juilliard School of Music, Hochschule für Musik Cologne and Universität der Künste Berlin. As a soloist she has appeared with numerous symphony orchestras such as the Munich Radio Orchestra under Dmitry Sitkovetsky, Israel Philharmonic Orchestra under Zubin Mehta, the Orchestre de Chambre de Lausanne and the Mahler Chamber Orchestra.

Cedric Pescia studied in Lausanne, Geneva and Berlin. In 2002, he won the „Gina Bachauer International Artists Piano Competition“. Since then he has been invited to give concerts and recitals on the most important stages in Germany and abroad, among others at the Berliner Philharmonie, Konzerthaus Berlin, Laeiszhalle Hamburg, Carnegie Hall New York, Tonhalle Zurich and Wigmore Hall London, as well as at numerous festivals. His recordings including Bach's Goldberg Variations, works by Schumann, Beethoven, Francois Couperin, Debussy and Messiaen, all published by Claves Records, received plenty of acclaim and appeal from the press.

The duo performs regularly throughout Europe. The latest seasons took them to Heidelberg, Fulda, Mannheim, Marseille, to WestCork Festival, the Brandenburgische Sommerkonzerte and to Brucknerhaus Linz.

The Duo Stark has recorded two highly acclaimed CDs for Claves: The first one with works by Busoni and Enescu, the second one dedicated to Clara and Robert Schumann. Recently, a recording of works by Ernst Bloch has been released.

### Short version

The duo unites two top-class soloists who can be heard regularly on the international concert podiums: Israeli-born violinist Nurit Stark studied at the Juilliard School of Music, the Hochschule für Musik Cologne and the Universität der Künste Berlin.

Cédric Pescia studied in Lausanne, Geneva and Berlin. In 2002, he won the "Gina Bachauer International Artists Piano Competition" and since then has made guest appearances on the world's great concert stages.

In addition to the standard Classical-Romantic repertoire, the duo also performs numerous contemporary works. Concerts have taken Duo Stark to many cities in Germany and Europe. The duo's debut CD received great acclaim in the international press.