

ELIAS GILLESBERGER was born in Upper Austria.

As a piano partner to renowned singers (including Angelika Kirchschlager, Clemens Unterreiner, Ildikó Raimondi and Herbert Lippert), he performs in concerts throughout Austria. Concerts as a soloist and chamber musician have taken him to many parts of Europe and to renowned concert halls and festivals (including Musikerverein Vienna, Konzerthaus Vienna, Brucknerhaus Linz, Austrian Cultural Forum London, Kultursommer Semmering, Styrian Chamber Music Festival, International Bruckner Festival St. Florian).

In 2015, the young pianist was the soloist in the world premiere of the first piano concerto by composer Thomas Mandel with the Vienna String Soloists (members of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra). In 2018, he was invited by the Austrian consulate in Milan to take part in a concert to mark the start of the Austrian EU Council Presidency.

In 2019, Gillesberger appeared for the first time in an opera production as the stage pianist in Othmar Schoeck's 'Penthesilea' at the Landestheater Linz and made his debut as a soloist with Sergei Rachmaninoff's Second Piano Concerto.

In the 2021/22 season, he made another guest appearance at the Landestheater Linz as pianist in John Cage's EUROPERAS 3&4.

In 2012 he received the 'Dr Josef Ratzenböck Scholarship' from the state of Upper Austria and in 2019 the Rotary Music Award.

Elias Gillesberger received his first piano lessons at the local music school. Whilst still at school, he won numerous prizes at "prima la musica" at state and national level. After graduating from the Musikgymnasium Linz, he studied concert piano and instrumental pedagogy with Clemens Zeilinger (Anton Bruckner Private University Linz), chamber music with Christoph Eggner (University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna) and vocal accompaniment with Julius Drake (University of Music and Performing Arts Graz).

He has completed masterclasses with Paul Gulda, Helmut Deutsch, Christiane Iven, Burkhard Kehring, Michael Schade, Adrian Eröd and the Vienna Piano Trio, among others.

Elias Gillesberger was a piano teacher at the Upper Austrian State Music School and will take up his position as accompanist at the Anton Bruckner Institute of the University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna in October 2024.