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Nikolai Demidenko's passionate pianism means that he is in demand worldwide.

Frequent London recitals have included the *Great Performers* series at the Barbican Concert Hall, the *International Piano Series* at South Bank Centre and recently the *London Pianoforte Series* at the Wigmore Hall - a Chopin recital which was featured as the only live performance in BBC Radio 3's *Chopin Experience*, a weekend celebration of his complete works.

He is renowned for his authoritative performances of the Russian concerto repertoire such as Prokofiev, Rachmaninov and Tchaikovsky and has worked with many conductors and orchestras throughout the world. He has a flourishing relationship with the St. Petersburg Philharmonic and Yuri Temirkanov, with whom he performs regularly. He also enjoys a fruitful collaboration with several Russian artists who have made their homes in London; a cello and piano duo with Leonid Gorokhov; piano quartets with the exciting new Hermitage String Trio; and a two-piano partnership with Dmitri Alexeev, who likewise studied at the Moscow Conservatoire under Dmitri Bashkirov.

His repertoire is wide-ranging, including Bach, Clementi, Mendelssohn, Mozart, Mussorgsky and Scarlatti. He has a special affinity with the works of Chopin and travels frequently to Poland, most recently to Warsaw to perform at the *Chopin & His Europe* Festival. Other festival appearances include venues in Aldeburgh, Dubrovnik, Eilat, New York, Oslo and Singapore.

Recent concerto highlights include appearances with the Philharmonia Orchestra, Hallé Orchestra and Singapore Symphony Orchestra, and tours in the UK and Ireland with the Prague Symphony Orchestra and in Spain with the Orchestre National Bordeaux Aquitaine. Concerto engagements in the current season include concerts with the Ulster Orchestra, BBC National Orchestra of Wales, Budapest Festival Orchestra, Danish National Symphony Orchestra, Estonian National Symphony Orchestra, Yomiuri Nippon Symphony Orchestra, St Petersburg Philharmonic Orchestra and Sinfonieorchester St Gallen.

For Hyperion Records Nikolai Demidenko has recorded albums of Bach–Busoni, Chopin, Clementi, Liszt, Medtner, Mussorgsky, Prokofiev, Rachmaninov, Schubert & Schumann and concertos by Chopin, Medtner (which won a Gramophone Award), Scriabin, Tchaikovsky & Weber as well as the complete Prokofiev Concertos with the London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Alexander Lazarev. For the Munich-based AGPL label he has recorded Beethoven's *Hammerklavier* Sonata, a collection of Scarlatti sonatas and a Chopin CD which won the Preis der Deutschen Schallplatten Kritik Preis. Autumn 2008 saw the release of a new Chopin CD, including his first recording of the 24 Preludes, for Onyx Classics.