

Ralph Zurmühle

Composer & Pianist

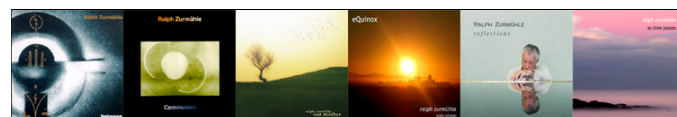
FACT SHEET

"Zurmühle's music explores the sonority of the piano masterfully and reaches a technical and artistic dimension only achievable by the finest contemporary piano works." - YAMAHA Music Europe

Ralph Zurmühle, Swiss composer and pianist, discovered his natural ability for the piano at the age of five. He fostered his talent over decades with jazz and classical music training in Zurich and Liechtenstein. Ralph currently resides in the province of Barcelona. Imbued with subtle changes of tempo and nuance, crossing various musical genres, Zurmühle's compositions maintain the intuitive feeling of improvised music. With great sensitivity to touch, he combines fluidity and freedom with refinement and development, resulting in graceful melodies, sublime sound textures and introspective ambiances. During 2017 and 2018 Ralph performed in a series of benefit concerts for Syrian refugees (Royal Artistic Circle, Barcelona; Kursaal, Manresa etc.) In 2012 he shared the stage with Peter Kater and David Dorantes at the *Second International Piano Festival* in Burgos, Spain. September and October 2013 marked his concert tour in Catalonia in collaboration with YAMAHA Europe. Since 1986 he has scored music for film, television programs, theater and multimedia projects, among these:

- **New Music for Classic Silent Films series;** (Institute of Modern Art, Valencia, Spain)
- **Momix-Alchemy;** company of dancer illusionists from the U.S. (international tour 2013-2016)
- **All Secrets;** award-winning feature film by Tomas Suski (U.K.)
- **L'horitzó;** multimedia project with sculptor Manuel Solà (Metrònom, Barcelona and the International Biennial of Contemporary Art, Almería, Spain)
- **Norró;** documentary by Pere Herms/Spanish TV

Ralph's 6 CDs, composed in the genre of contemporary post-classical piano music, have been met with international critical acclaim and received multiple nominations and awards. Among them: In 2014 *Reflections* won the awards for *Best Album of the Year (of all categories)* and *Best Contemporary & Modern Album* at Solopiano.com.



Between 2000 Communion 2003 Our Mother 2007 eQuinox 2011 Reflections 2014 As Time Passes 2019

"As it is with great music, Zurmühle's music creates silence. Silence opens around us. And within this vastness, a journey begins; a journey of adventure and discovery, but also a journey of return."

- Andrés Ibáñez, classical music critic for ABC, Madrid

"Enormously impressed. I think Track 9, the title track As Time Passes, is now worn out, I have played it so many times !!!"

- Tony Palmer, British film, theatre and opera director

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"One of the greatest exponents in the world of solo piano." - YAMAHA Music Europe

Ralph speaks English, German, French and Spanish.