Jan Lisiecki, piano

Just 22, Canadian pianist Jan Lisiecki has won acclaim for his extraordinary interpretive maturity, distinctive sound and poetic sensibility. The New York Times has called him “a pianist who makes every note count”. Lisiecki’s insightful interpretations, refined technique, and natural affinity for art give him a musical voice that belies his age.

Born in Calgary in 1995, Jan Lisiecki began piano lessons at the age of five, and made his concerto debut four years later. Confirming his status among the most imaginative and poetic pianists of his generation, Deutsche Grammophon signed an exclusive contract with Jan Lisiecki in 2011, when he was just 15 years old. His fourth album for the label presents Chopin’s seldom performed works for piano and orchestra with NDR Elbphilharmonie Orchester and Krzysztof Urbański.

Recent highlights include his 2013 performance with Claudio Abbado and Orchestra Mozart, his BBC Proms debut with Sir Antonio Pappano at Royal Albert Hall, and engagements with the New York Philharmonic and the Philadelphia Orchestra as well as subscription debuts with the Cleveland Orchestra and San Francisco Symphony Orchestra.

His 2016 debut in the main auditorium at New York’s Carnegie Hall with the Philadelphia Orchestra was met with rave reviews, the New York Times noted that it was an “uncommonly sensitive performance”. Highlights of the current season include a performance in the opening festival of the new Elbphilharmonie in Hamburg, as well as concerts with the Sächsische Staatskapelle Dresden and the Munich Philharmonic Orchestra and Valery Gergiev. In the next season, he will perform with Boston Symphony Orchestra and London Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Michael Tilson Thomas.

In 2013, Jan Lisiecki received the Leonard Bernstein Award at Schleswig-Holstein Music Festival and was also named as Gramophone magazine’s Young Artist of the Year. He has cultivated relationships with prominent conductors including Sir Antonio Pappano, Yannick Nézet-Séguin, Daniel Harding and Pinchas Zukerman.