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EVGENI BOZHANOV

FINALIST

**AND WINNER OF THE STEPHEN DE GROOTE MEMORIAL AWARD FOR
THE BEST PERFORMANCE OF CHAMBER MUSIC
THIRTEENTH VAN CLIBURN INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION**

Twenty-five-year-old Bulgarian pianist Evgeni Bozhanov's (*pronounced ev-Gheny bo-Zhan-ov*) sophisticated interpretations, clear tones, and ability to express the nuances of the music at hand have resulted in numerous top prizes at competitions around the world, including most recently, second prize at the prestigious 2010 Queen Elisabeth International Music Competition in Brussels. In 2009, he was a finalist at the Thirteenth Van Cliburn International Piano Competition in Fort Worth and received the Steven De Groote Memorial Award for the Best Performance of Chamber Music for his performance of Franck's Piano Quintet in F-Minor with the Takács Quartet. In addition to these prizes, he was awarded second prize at the 2008 Sviatoslav Richter International Piano Competition in Moscow, and first prizes at the 2008 Alessandro Casagrande, 2006 Carl Bechstein, and 2004 Chopin International Piano Competitions.

The *Dallas Morning News* praised his playing during the 2009 Cliburn Competition, stating "...on musical grounds, he's clearly ready for a major career, and he's got the makings of a legend."

Born in Rousse, Bulgaria, Mr. Bozhanov made his orchestra debut in his hometown at age 12. He studied at the Folkwang-Hochschule für Musik, Theater und Tanz in Essen, Germany and the Robert Schumann Hochschule in Düsseldorf. Mr. Bozhanov has been invited to perform with such prestigious series as the Ravinia Festival in Chicago, the Chopin Festival in Warsaw, and the Trieste Chamber Music Festival. He will be

appearing in the 2010-2011 season in solo recitals throughout Europe and the United States.

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