



Rudolf Buchbinder

MY BEETHOVEN

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In 2014 Rudolf Buchbinder played the first Beethoven cycle at the Salzburg Festival: seven nights of strong emotions!

Beethoven's music has been part of Rudolf Buchbinder's life since his childhood. He has played nearly fifty cyclical concerts of all thirty-two piano sonatas, and performed the piano concertos with all major orchestras and conductors, as well as conducting himself. This wealth of experience has found its way into his book, in which Beethoven's piano works are used as stations on a journey through the composer's life and oeuvre. Describing his own life in music, Buchbinder the performer brings Beethoven's world to life, reflected in his personal experiences and revelations – Beethoven's era, his emotions, passions, triumphs and defeats.

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began playing piano at the age of five, and became one of the youngest students ever at the Vienna Academy of Music. He soon embarked on his glittering concert career, immediately demonstrating the versatility he is still known for today, playing chamber music, making solo appearances with orchestras and above giving all solo recitals – the music of Beethoven a central focus of his interest from the start. Since 2007 Rudolf Buchbinder has also been director of the Grafenegg Music Festival.