



Lukas Sternath – Biography

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Already at a very early age, Lukas Sternath's life revolved around music. Born in Vienna in 2001, he traveled the world as a member of the famed Vienna Boys' Choir and gave concerts on the most important stages in Europe, North America and Asia. He received his musical training on the piano from Anna Malikova and Alma Sauer at the University of Music and Performing Arts in Vienna. In 2025, he completed his master's degree at the Hanover University of Music, Drama and Media, studying with Igor Levit and Paul Lewis. Further mentors include pianists Till Fellner, as well as Ingolf Wunder and Sir András Schiff, whose masterclasses he attended.

At the 71st International ARD Music Competition in Munich in September 2022, Lukas Sternath caused a sensation – in addition to the First Prize, he was awarded seven special prizes, including the Audience Prize and the Prize for the Best Interpretation of the Commissioned Composition. The year before, he was a multiple prize winner at the 63rd International Ferruccio Busoni Piano Competition in Bolzano, at the 14th International Schubert Piano Competition in Dortmund, and at the 17th European Piano Competition in Bremen.

Nominated by the Musikverein Wien, Konzerthaus Wien, and the Philharmonie Luxembourg, Lukas Sternath was named an ECHO Rising Star of the 2024/25 season. The BBC has selected him as a New Generation Artist for the upcoming two seasons. As part of this prestigious programme, he will perform with leading orchestras and in recitals across the United Kingdom – including his debut at the BBC Proms with the BBC Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Chief Conductor Sakari Oramo in September 2025.

In the 2025/26 season, Lukas Sternath will make his debut with the Vienna Philharmonic under Tugan Sokhiev in Vienna and on a European tour with stops in Slovakia, Germany, and Luxembourg. Further debuts will follow with the Kammerakademie Potsdam, the Konzerthausorchester Berlin, the London Philharmonic Orchestra, and the Mahler Chamber Orchestra. As a soloist with the Vienna Symphony Orchestra, Lukas Sternath will perform in Vienna under the baton of Kazuki Yamada and also tour Germany – the latter conducted by Chief Conductor Petr Popelka.



Another highlight of the season will be his return to the Bamberg Symphony Orchestra under Jakub Hrůša, also as part of a German tour. He will give recitals at the Festspielhaus Baden-Baden, the Prinzregententheater in Munich, Flagey in Brussels, and Wigmore Hall in London. From the 2025/26 season onwards, Lukas Sternath will curate the “Lukas Sternath Cycle” at the Musikverein Wien, presenting recitals, song recitals, and chamber music concerts – a first in the history of the venue.

In past seasons, Lukas Sternath made his recital debuts at the Elbphilharmonie Hamburg, the Tonhalle Zurich, the Gewandhaus Leipzig, the Philharmonie Essen, at the Ruhr Piano Festival, and the Heidelberger Frühling Festival. As a soloist he collaborated with the Salzburg Festival and the Mozarteum Orchestra Salzburg under Ádám Fischer, the ORF Vienna Radio Symphony Orchestra with Markus Poschner, the Wuppertal Symphony Orchestra with Patrick Hahn, the Vienna Philharmonic Summer Academy with Tugan Sokhiev, the SWR Symphony Orchestra with Giedrė Šlekytė, and the Munich Philharmonic with Andrés Orozco-Estrada.
