



Ralph Zurmühle

Composer & Pianist

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

Ralph Zurmühle, Swiss composer and pianist, was born in Zurich. He discovered his natural ability for the piano at the age of five and fostered his talent over decades with jazz and classical music training in Zurich and Liechtenstein. Imbued with subtle changes of tempo and nuance, crossing various musical genres, Zurmühle's compositions maintain the intuitive feeling of improvised music.

In 2022 Ralph participated in the *Jazz and Classical Live Sessions* at Little Big Beat Studios in Liechtenstein. During 2017 and 2018 Ralph performed in a series of benefit concerts for Syrian refugees in Barcelona. September and October 2013 marked his concert tour in Catalonia in collaboration with YAMAHA Music Europe. In 2012 he shared the stage with Peter Kater and David Dorantes at the *Second International Piano Festival* in Burgos, Spain.

For the past 35 years Ralph has scored and licensed music for film, television, theater and multimedia projects, among those:

New Music for Classic Silent Films series; original scores and live performance for films by Luis Buñuel, Marcel Duchamp, Man Ray and René Clair, Valencian Institute of Modern Art, Spain

Momix-Alchemy; contemporary dance company, international tour 2013-2016

All Secrets; award-winning feature film by Tomas Suski, U.K.

L'horitzó; multimedia project with sculptor Manuel Solà, International Biennial of Contemporary Art, Almería, Spain

Norró; documentary by Pere Herms, Spain/La 2 (TV)

The Appalachian Trail: An American Legacy; documentary by Sam Henegar, USA/PBS (TV)

Ralph currently resides in Barcelona and is a featured artist on the YAMAHA website in Spain. He speaks English, German, French and Spanish.

Ralph has released seven CDs to date. A vinyl of his live session at LBB Studios was released in December 2023. Composed in the genre of contemporary classical piano music, his albums have been met with international critical acclaim and received multiple nominations and awards. Among those: In 2014 *Reflections* won the awards for *Best Album of the Year (of all categories)* and *Best Contemporary & Modern Album* at Solopiano.com.



Four of Ralph's CDs have been included on the classical music channel of British Airways' in-flight entertainment program.

"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's music is permeated by an exquisite nostalgia. It is full of emotion, but there is nothing sentimental about it. His piano communicates, above all, this: "Listen, there is something you have forgotten!" - Andrés Ibáñez, classical music critic for ABC Cultural, Madrid

"Enormously impressed. I think Track 9, the title track is now worn out, I have played it so many times!!!" - Tony Palmer, British film, theater and opera director

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