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**From Liszt and Schubert to entirely new music,
written especially for this album.**

"It was important for me to create this album as an attempt to express my personal state of being today as well as to reflect on our present reality. War, climate crisis, anxiety and aggression around us don't inspire me to entertain. Rather - to slow down. It is SLOW because I notice a rushing and ever-accelerating pace, in which we are often imprisoned. Therefore I invite you to SLOW down and allow music to do its magic".

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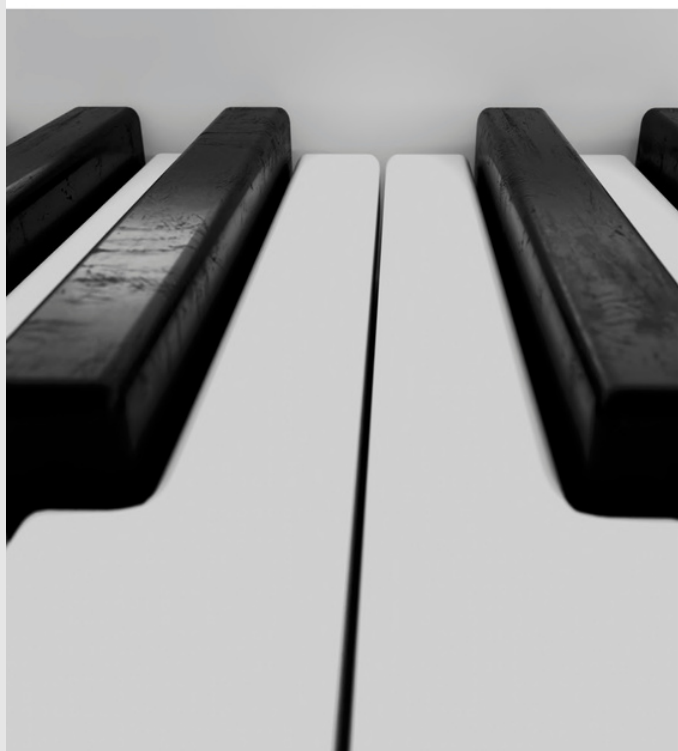
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BIOGRAPHY

Olga Jegunova is a multifaceted Russian-Latvian artist combining various genres and disciplines. While being a classical concert pianist, she puts a strong emphasis on educational projects and philanthropic work.

Alongside her award-winning pianist career, she has committed to a varied practice of collaborating with other artists, publishing digitally and in print, launching a podcast as well as supporting musicians through fund-raising concerts.

Olga's interactive approach to audiences is another one of her unique qualities reflected in an effort to involve them in the performance by breaking down the traditional boundaries of the classical recital. This also led her to collaborate with creatives from different fields blurring the boundaries between modes of expression.

One of her recent projects is Music & Storytelling with Matthew Crampton. Together they created interactive storytelling programmes for all ages featuring Greek mythology, Russian folklore and well-known stories like Peter & The Wolf and The Little Prince.

Another recent project called Patience was created during the 2020-2021 corona crisis. It included recording and performing a newly commissioned piece by British composer Ben Ellin in collaboration with French photographer Gerard Uferas.

Olga has been playing piano for over 3 decades, during which she performed various musical genres as a soloist and in ensembles recognized by multiple international awarding bodies, artists and educational organizations. Among them are Jāzeps Vītols Latvian Academy of Music, Hochschule für Musik und Theater Hamburg and the Royal College of Music in London. Her repertoire is therefore vast, spanning from baroque to contemporary pieces composed especially for her. Olga is also a Steinway Artist.

Another branch of Olga's creative career is music journalism and education. Having presented the Tchaikovsky contest LIVE for Medici TV, she started publishing interviews for ZIMA Magazine in print and Russian Art & Culture digitally. This evolved into her podcast exploring the history of music and contemporary musical practice where she is joined by acclaimed creatives to talk about tradition, meditation, experimentation and much more.

Olga has founded a charitable foundation supporting talented musicians of all ages and organizing fundraising events digitally and live. As an open-minded and dedicated creative, Olga continuously expands her practice in an effort to enrich the music community.





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This album has been done using only full takes, no editing was performed and no extra reverberation was added.

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From centuries-old pieces to original compositions, our artists deliver their unique approach to music, be that in the style of relaxation and calming music, or in the performance of heart-wrenching dramatic pieces of the *bel canto* operatic repertoire.

Real instruments

We believe in the unique energy of the sounds that come from real instruments produced with the hands of human beings. Our choice of instruments is varied, ranging from grand pianos to different acoustic guitars (some of them unique in the world), from harps to Kokle (ancient Latvian table harp), and from Bendir (ancient hand frame drum) to Handpan (tonal drum invented in the 2000s), and others, both traditional and less known acoustic instruments.

Hi-res from inception

All of our albums are recorded at 96k/32-bit floating (reduced to 24 bits at Mastering) using the highest quality audio equipment to date. All our recordings are available in Hi-Resolution (Studio Quality 96/24), Apple Digital Masters, and all our new releases are also available on Dolby ATMOS.