



Manuel Fischer-Dieskau – cellist

„Manuel Fischer-Dieskau offers suavely toned shaping of the melodies that is both intelligent and expressive“ (The Strad Magazin)

„Like his father at his best, Manuel Fischer-Dieskau knows how to intervene in a way that brings the music to life, he extracts the maximum range of expression from the scores.“ (MusicWebInternational)

If one wanted to describe the cello playing of Manuel Fischer-Dieskau with only one sentence, this could be: Let the cello sing and tell stories!

From his earliest childhood on surrounded by the voice of his father, the legendary baritone Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, MFD understands intuitively at an early age that making music is always about communication, sharing emotions and passion.

After his studies with Wolfgang Boettcher (Berlin), Janos Starker (Bloomington/Indiana University, USA), William Pleeth (London) und Arto Noras (Helsinki) MFD starts an international career as member of the Cherubini String Quartett, performing on all important concert stages all over the world.

After the breakup of the quartett MFD earns precious experiences as principal cellist of leading orchestras under the baton of such important conductors as Günter Wand, Sir John Elliot Gardiner, Lorin Maazel, Sir Roger Norrington, and many more.

Subsequently he performs as soloist and as chambermusic partner of personalities such as Sabine Meyer, Viktoria Mullova, Katja and Marielle Labèque, Christian Zacharias, Isabelle Faust, François Leleux, to mention only few.

In 2007 MFD is appointed Professor for cello and chambermusic at the Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Germany.

He also becomes artistic director of the concert series „Amici dell'Arte“ Wiesbaden as well as chairman of the concert series „Im Zentrum Lied“ Cologne and the „Sankt Goar International Music Festival & Academy“, a facility that takes care of young upcoming artists.

MFD has published many CD recordings with labels such as EMI-Classics, Phillips, Onyx or MDG. His latest publications for MDG - Carl Reinecke „Complete Cello Sonatas“ with outstanding pianist Connie Shih, and David Bakers „Singer of Songs - Music for Cello“ - were both highly acclaimed by the international press.

In 2018 MFD & Connie Shih released their new album with the complete cello sonatas by Ludwig van Beethoven, also celebrated by the international press.