

## **Ivan Monighetti**, violoncello

Ivan Monighetti was Mstislav Rostropovich's last student at the Moscow Conservatory. He was a top prizewinner in many international competitions including the 1974 Tchaikovsky competition, and since then he has enjoyed a career which has taken him all over Europe, to America, Japan and Korea.

He participated in many important festivals such as Ravinia festival, Berliner Festwochen, Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival, Schleswig Holstein Music Festival, Argerich Festival, the Cello Festival in Kronberg, Holland Music Session.

As a soloist he has performed with many of the world's great orchestras and conductors, including the Berlin Philharmonic under Krzysztof Penderecki, the Leipzig Gewandhaus under Kurt Masur, the Gulbenkian Orchestra under Muhai Tang, the Moscow Philharmonic under Mstislav Rostropovich, Mariinsky Orchestra under Valery Gergiev, SWR Stuttgart under Andrey Boreyko and Sinfonia Varsovia under Charles Dutoit.

Ivan Monighetti's sensational appearances at numerous contemporary music festivals have brought him a wide reputation as one of the leading figures in the field of modern music. He is constantly expanding his musical range as a result of his work with contemporary composers such as Penderecki, Dutilleux, Tan Dun, Knaifel, Gubaidulina, Silvestrov, Ali-Zadeh. Many works written especially for him are now part of the established cello repertoire.

Ivan Monighetti is also highly respected for his expertise in the performance practice of the 18th and 19th centuries and is the founding director of the Moscow early music festival. He has collaborated with musicians such as Anner Bylisma, Nancy Argenta, Simon Standage, Ronald Brautigam, Wieland Kuijken, Andrew Manze.

Among his chamber music partners were Marta Argerich, Sol Gabetta, Sabine Meyer, Liana Issakadze, Michail Pletnev, Arto Noras, Rafael Oleg.

Ivan Monighetti has now a varied career as a cello soloist and a conductor of international repute. He conducted an English Haydn Festival Orchestra, Österreichisch-Slowakische Philharmonie, Moscow Symphonie Orchestra, Sinfonia Juventus, Nizniy Novgorod Symphonie, Arpeggione Orchestra, Musica Viva Moscow, Algarve Symphonie, Viva Cello Festival Orchestra. In 2013-14 he will be an Artist-In-Residence at the Lodz Artur Rubinstein Filharmonie performing as a conductor and soloist.