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Biography

Flavio completed a Bachelor of Piano Performance with Matteo Napoli at the Conservatory "G.Martucci" in Salerno in 2007. In 2012 he completed a Master in Piano Performance at the University of Auckland with first class honours under the guidance of pianist Stephen De Pledge.

Flavio has performed many recitals as a soloist as well as in different duos extensively in New Zealand. He has played in various festivals including the Venice Biennale (2011) for the exhibition and installation of the New Zealand pavilion, "Lamezia Festival" (2013 and 2014), "Pianino Festival" (Mallorca), "Maggiociondolo Festival" (Alessandria) as well as performances in Salerno, Rome and Barcelona. His latest collaborations include performances of Rachmaninoff's Concerto n.2 alongside the Orchestra Filarmonica of Calabria in Italy and again with the Orchestra of CalArts in Los Angeles.

He was invited to give Master Classes in the Tchaikovsky Conservatory of Music in Lamezia Terme (Italy) and at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok (Thailand). His latest collaborations have seen him perform both as a soloist and together with other renowned musicians (Uwe Grodd, Mark Menzies, and others) in various cities around New Zealand and internationally.

Performances



2014

- Solo recital and Master Class at the Chulalongkorn University of Bangkok (Thailand)
- Duo with violinist Cathy Irons performing in Auckland, Christchurch, Greytown and Rangiora
- Solo recital in Lamezia Classica Festival, Maggiorciodolo Festival (Italy), Kerikeri and many centres in Auckland (programme of **Busoni**, **Chopin** and **Liszt** works)
- Recital at the opening of the Te Uru gallery and other public invitations during the year
- **Rachmaninoff Concerto n.2** with Orchestra Filarmonica della Calabria (Italy)

2015

- **Rachmaninoff Concerto No.2** with CalArts Orchestra in Los Angeles (US)

Future and ongoing projects:

- Duo with violinist Mark Menzies in Los Angeles, Auckland and Christchurch (opening concert of the performing arts centre in Christchurch in August 2015, programme of **Prokofiev** and **Shumann** works)
- Duo with violinist Cathy Irons performing for Michael Hill and in Queenstown.
- Villani Piano Quartet debut with violinist Marko Pop Ristov, cellist Sarah Spence and violist Alex MacDonald and a programme including **Brahms**, **Mahler** and other composers' works
- Trio with flutists Uwe Grodd and Agnes Harmath
- Solo recital including **Mussorgsky's** "Pictures at an exhibition" and other works

Education

University of Auckland – First Class Honours Masters in Piano Performance, 2012
University of Auckland – Honours Degree in Piano Performance, 2012
Conservatorio "G.Martucci" (Salerno) - Bachelor Degree in pianoforte

References

Donald Trott - NZOpera 027 4587411
Matteo Napoli - Pianist 021 2941249
Stephen De Pledge - University of Auckland 021 1313402

Latest Repertoire

with Orchestra

Rachmaninoff - Concerto n.2
Beethoven - Concerto n.3

solo

Beethoven - Sonata Op.109
Sonata Op.10 n.3
Sonata Op.27 n.2
Liszt - Hungarian Rhapsody n.6
Ballade n.2

Vallee d'Obermann
Etude Trascendentale n.10
Chopin - Ballade n.3
Ballade n.4
and other works
Mussorgsky - Pictures at an exhibition
Prokofiev - Sonata n.3
Bach/Busoni - Ciaccona in D minor

duo violin
Prokofiev - Sonata n.2
Suk - 4 pieces Op.17
Dohnanyi - Sonata
Turina - Sonata
Schumann - Sonata
and others

quartet
Brahms - Piano Quartet in G minor
Mahler - Piano Quartet
Suk - Piano Quartet
Bridge - Phantasy Piano Quartet
and others