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Two soloists in conversation: Franziska Pietsch and Josu De Solaun with Violin sonatas by Strauss and Shostakovich

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Richard Strauss's jubilant and romantic Violin Sonata was written amidst the relative innocence of fin-de-siècle Europe; Dmitri Shostakovich wrote his mournful and bleak Sonata at the height of the Cold War, in the twilight of his existence. Franziska Pietsch and Josu De Solaun bring new life to two starkly contrasting works that together present a complex and emotional portrait of human existence.

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The electrifying duo debut recording of violinist Franziska Pietsch and pianist Josu De Solaun features two masterpieces: the violin sonatas by Richard Strauss and Dmitri Shostakovich.

Since 2017, Pietsch and De Solaun have forged a remarkable partnership, each balancing and complimenting the other's musical temperaments and sensibilities. Franziska Pietsch, who caused a sensation among other things with her solo recital recording last year, led several prestigious orchestras in Germany and Luxembourg as concertmaster before she continued her career as a soloist and chamber musician. The Spanish pianist Josu De Solaun, winner of the renowned competitions Enescu and Iturbi, has performed with orchestras and in recitals throughout the world. Next to his solo career he is a passionate chamber musician.

Together, these two artists breathe new life into two powerful compositions, presenting a complex, passionate, and emotional portrait of human existence.

The present recording is the start of several upcoming duo recording projects. In addition, Josu De Solaun will present his first solo recording on audite with works by Janáček, Novák, and Suk. More solo recordings are being planned.









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## **Marketing / Promotion**

- Continuation of the recording series with Franziska Pietsch
- Start of the co-operation with Josu De Solaun
- CD presentation: April 27<sup>th</sup> 2019 in "Musiksalon" (rbb kulturradio), live concert and interviews in and from the rbb studio hall
- Media coverage Pietsch ZEIT, SZ, Spiegel online, DLF, rbb etc.
- Media coverage De Solaun: BBC Music Magazine, Pianiste, Ritmo, scherzo, El Mundo, El País etc.
- EPK video
- HD and surround downloads
- Digital booklet for download



