

Sandra Shapiro

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“A sensitive, passionate and noble Muse... Compelling... Brilliant... Liquid sound and colors... Great artistry...” are descriptions that have been attributed to pianist, Sandra Shapiro.

Shapiro enjoys an active career as performer, teacher, adjudicator and recording artist throughout the United States and Europe. Known as a versatile performer, she appears as soloist both in recitals and with orchestras, and as a highly sought-after chamber musician in the United States and Europe. She has received national and international awards along with glowing reviews and recognition in each of these areas.

2017-18 marked the debut of Shapiro’s four-part project entitled Musical Roots-An Exploration of Cultural Heritage and Musical Influences. As the daughter and sister of Russian-Israeli immigrants, Shapiro has devoted Parts I and II of the project to examine the role each of these cultures has had

Her great love for chamber music has led to collaborations with Truls Mork, Peter Rejto, Stanley Drucker, Mats Lidstrom, Franklin Cohen, Jaime Laredo, Sharon Robinson and members of the New York Philharmonic on the New York Philharmonic's Chamber Music Series.

Shapiro has performed extensively as a duo with Czech violinist Ivan Zenaty. Their partnership has taken them throughout Europe, Asia and the United States. Highlights include recitals at Carnegie Hall, Prague Spring Festival, Czech Philharmonic Chamber Music Series in the famed Rudolfinum and the Palau de la Música de Valencia.

The Zenaty-Shapiro Duo's first joint recording consisting of the Strauss Violin Sonata and D] v %
Sonata, H. 308 received a rave review from Gramophone Magazine's feature of highlights in
September, citing "they breathe as one, shaping phrases with utmost unanimity of purpose and
flexibility... whets the appetite for more of their distinctive artistry."

Additional recordings include Sentiment on the Azica label as well as a collaboration with the
principal wind players of the New York Philharmonic in an album entitled The Complete Music of
Robert Schumann for Winds and Piano

An experienced and recognized teacher, Shapiro is highly sought after for master classes,