



Major Music Prize for BBT Artist Annelien Van Wauwe Opus Klassik - Young Artist of the Year 2020

*"one of those personable and gifted young artists to whom prizes
and awards cling like burrs to a pullover"*

Ivan Hewett, Daily Telegraph 17.08.1

Riding on the success of her *Belle Époque* debut SACD with Pentatone released last August, Belgian clarinetist Annelien Van Wauwe adds another prize to her burgeoning collection of accolades and awards. She has just been announced by Germany's foremost classical music prize, **Opus Klassik**, as one of four Young Artists of the Year.

The award ceremony will take place in Berlin on the weekend of 17 & 18 October in the form of a chamber concert in the Villa Elisabeth and an orchestral concert in the Konzerthaus. The award ceremony on 18 October will be broadcast by media partner ZDF on the same day at 10.15pm

The music for *Belle Époque* (including Brahms, Debussy and Pierné) was chosen by Annelien to reflect the *Golden Age* of beauty and creativity in Europe (c 1870-1914) and was widely acclaimed: "*Annelien Van Wauwe is already a consummate artist and this well-planned disc gives us an excellent view of her technical skill, her musicianship and her lovely tone, even in the altissimo register.*" (BBC Music Magazine); "*Gorgeous clarinet sound; rich orchestral playing ... a fine recording as well*" (BBC Radio 3 Record Review) <https://www.bbtrust.com/press-room/bbt-track-record/2019/>. Recorded with Orchestre National de Lille conducted by Alexandre Bloch, this CD was supported by Annelien's 2018 Borletti-Buitoni Trust Award and was a co-production with BBC Radio 3, which enrolled her as a New Generation Artist 2015-2017.

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Other Opus Klassik Young Artist category winners: Elsa Dreisig (vocals), Benjamin Bernheim (vocals) Isata Kanneh-Mason (piano)

The OPUS KLASSIK is the award for classical music in Germany. The prize is organised by the Association for the Promotion of Classical Music. V., in which labels, organizers and publishers from the classic world are represented. This honours extraordinary artists and achievements from the classical genre at an award ceremony. An independent jury selects the winners after nominations in various categories. www.opusklassik.de.

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