

Anne-Sophie Mutter *Season 2020-21 Biography*

Anne-Sophie Mutter has been an international figure in the world's major concert halls for more than 40 years, making her mark on the classical music scene as a soloist, mentor, and visionary.

The four-time Grammy Award winner is equally committed to traditional works and the future of music, having given world premieres of 27 works by composers who include Unsuk Chin, Sebastian Currier, Henri Dutilleux, Sofia Gubaidulina, Witold Lutosławski, Norbert Moret, Krzysztof Penderecki, Sir André Previn, Wolfgang Rihm, and John Williams. She also dedicates herself to supporting future generations of musicians through benefit projects and the world-renowned Anne-Sophie Mutter Foundation.

Ms. Mutter's 2020, while interrupted by the global pandemic, has been dedicated to commemorating the 250th birthday of Beethoven, in a four-concert mini festival in which she performed the Violin and Triple Concerti, a recital evening, and a chamber evening in the world's music capitals. A number of these mini-festivals are rescheduled in 2021 but Ms. Mutter has celebrated the Beethoven year already at Carnegie Hall, Suntory Hall, as well as Beijing and San Francisco, and has appeared in recital and with orchestra in Montreal, Paris, Cologne, Washington DC, and Munich.

Her DG recording "*Across the Stars*" was released on August 30, 2020, including selections from some of John Williams's greatest film scores, prepared for her by Williams himself. This recording quickly rose to the "Top of Classical" charts.

Ms. Mutter's future seasons will include the rescheduling of numerous Beethoven performances as well as new works by Jörg Widmann, Thomas Adès, John Williams, and performances of Lakshmarayana Subramaniam's Double Concerto on the occasion of India's 75th Anniversary of Independence.

In October 2020, Mutter receives the Prize Opus Klassik as "Instrumentalist of the Year" in Germany, having won Sweden's Polar Music Prize and Japan's *Praemium Imperiale* just one year before.

Other honors include Poland's Gloria Artis Gold Medal for cultural achievements, the German Grand Order of Merit, the insignia of a Commander of the French Order of the Arts and Literature, Bavarian Order of Merit, and Decoration of Honor for Services to the Republic of Austria.

"Mutter is the undisputed queen of violin-playing..."

The Times, UK

"Working with Anne-Sophie on this recording has been a pure inspiration. She has brought vibrant life to these familiar themes in new and unexpected ways, which has been a great joy for me as a composer"

John Williams