

## **Piano Duo Petkunaite**

Twin sisters Auguste and Ieva Petkunaite were born in 1998 in Klaipėda, Lithuania. Since 2018, they have been studying piano at the Freiburg University of Music, Germany (Prof. Christoph Sischka).

The Piano Duo Petkunaite has been awarded first prizes at a total of eight international competitions. In 2019, they won first prize at the XXI Schubert Competition (*XXI. Schubert-Wettbewerb*) for piano duos in the Czech Republic in the category up to 21 years. In 2020, they were awarded first prize in the piano four-hands category at the International “Gianluca Campochiaro” Competition in Sicily and second prize as the best-placed piano duo at the Ilmari Hannikainen Chamber Music Competition in Finland. In October 2020, they won first prize at the Ninth International Competition for the Interpretation of Ostracized Music in Germany. In November 2024, they were awarded the First Absolute Prize with the highest score (*Primo Premio Assoluto*) at the 33rd International Piano Competition “ROMA” in Rome in the piano four-hands category.

The Piano Duo Petkunaite has performed in Lithuania, Germany, Finland, the Czech Republic, and Italy. In 2023, Auguste and Ieva Petkunaite played in a concert in the “Cognito” cycle in cooperation with the Yamaha Music Europe Foundation. In October 2024, they performed in the opening *matinée* of the Brahms Festival at the Freiburg Theater. Their performances include concerts with the Jyväskylä Symphony Orchestra (Finland), the Kaunas Symphony Orchestra (Lithuania), and the Munich Chamber Orchestra (Germany). They were also semifinalists at the 70th *ARD International Music Competition* in Munich.