



VALENTIN KOVALEV

saxophone



Valentin Kovalev is a passionate and dedicated classical saxophonist, who is seeking to explore the possibility of positioning the saxophone at the heart of classical music.

Valentin has been named the winner of some of the most prestigious international competitions, such as MTNA Competition (USA), Manhattan International Music Competition (USA), Classic Winds Competition (Israel), AndorraSaxFest

(Andorra), Anches Simples de Toulouse (France), EkaterinburgSaxFest (Russia), GoldenSax (Ukraine). He is also the recipient of significant awards from international foundations such as Foundation pour la vocation in France, Rostropovich Foundation in Russia, and the Musical Fund Society in the United States. Valentin has performed at Carnegie Hall, soloed with many prestigious orchestras in his native Russia, France, and the US, toured ten cities in China, and performed in several countries throughout Europe.

As the recent winner of the esteemed Naumburg Foundation 2022 Saxophone Competition, Valentin is excited for his Carnegie Hall Debut Recital in the upcoming season. His musical journey from Siberia to studying saxophone in Moscow, obtaining an undergraduate degree from the esteemed Paris Conservatory, and completing a Master's degree at the University of Michigan, exemplifies how determination and passion can surpass geographical limitations. One of Valentin's most significant achievements has been cultivating an engaged community across his social media platforms. Valentin strives to inspire and empower others through his music, encouraging them to chase their dreams. Valentin is a Henri Selmer, Paris artist, and a winner of the 2021 Astral National Competition.

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