

## Benoît MENUT

### Biography

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*Energy in sounds, driven by meaning.*

Passionate about the close relationship between music and words, he draws constant inspiration from the latter.

For the stage, he wrote *Fando et Lis* (2018) and won the SACD's 2019 New Talent Award and the 2019 Charles Oulmont Prize for this first opera, further establishing his growing operatic trajectory: *Micromégas*, an opera based on Voltaire (commissioned by Ars Musica Festival in Brussels), *Le Rouge et le Noir* for Opéra de Paris, *Beethoven Celtique*, with Sir Bryn Terfel and Carlos Nunes (2023), the opera *Stella et le Maître des souhaits* (commissioned by Philharmonie de Paris, 2020). Always open to new adventures, he is preparing *Un Match*, his new opera set in the world of football, for 2025 (Paris, Opéra de Reims...), *Circe / her story*, Philharmonie de Paris (2026), as well as a Choral and Orchestral work, tribute to Beethoven, commissioned by Festival Présences 2027.

In his catalogue of approximately 160 works, chamber music for strings holds a special place. He collaborates with artists such as David Kadouch, Emmanuelle Bertrand, Trio Karenine, Quatuor Tana, ensembles Ars Nova, Musique Nouvelle, Les Surprises, and orchestras such as Orchestre de Paris, Orchestre de l'Opéra de Paris, Orchestre national d'Île-de-France, Orchestre des Pays de la Loire, as well as orchestras of Kiev, Washington, Kanazawa, the ORC of Wallonia. He also works with recording labels Harmonia Mundi and Deutsche Grammophon.

Three times nominated for Victoires de la Musique, Benoît Menut is the recipient of the Florent Schmitt Prize from the Institut de France (2022), the SACEM Grand Prize for Symphonic Music (2016), the Teacher's Prize at the Grand Prix des Lycéens (2020), and a laureate of the Banque Populaire Foundation (2008) and the Francis and Mica Salabert Foundation (2014).

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