

## **KONRAD BINIENDA – SHORT BIOGRAPHY 9/14/12**

Since his debut with The Cleveland Orchestra in 2007, Polish-American pianist Konrad Binienda has performed in recital and with orchestras throughout the United States and Europe, winning acclaim for his highly individual and probingly musical performances.

Recipient of the 2011 Hastings Prize for Musical Performance at Harvard University and a laureate of the 2010 Chopin Piano Competition sponsored by the Kosciuszko Foundation in New York, Konrad Binienda received his Master of Music degree in Piano Performance from the New England Conservatory as a student of Wha-Kyung Byun, where he received the John and Robert Cartwright Endowed Scholarship in Piano in Memory of Julius Chaloff and Homer Humphrey. He has studied with Sergei Babayan and Gerardo Teissonnière at the Cleveland Institute of Music, and with Phillipe Giusiano and Viktor Mierzhanov in Europe.

Mr. Binienda is the winner of the 2010 Peabody Mason International Piano Competition, the 2008 Mozart Society Orchestra's Concerto Competition at Harvard University and is also an accomplished composer. In May 2011 he performed his own piano concerto in E minor with the Pforzheimer House Orchestra at Harvard University. In December of 2006, he performed the first movement of this Piano Concerto with the Akron Symphony Orchestra. His arrangement of Simple Gifts for piano trio was chosen as a finalist for the National Association of Music Educators' 2007 Showcase.