



Biography

Shelly Ezra was born in Israel. Her love of the clarinet was awoken by Yitzhak Kazap of the Tel Aviv Conservatory. In 2003 she moved at the age of 18 to Germany and began studying in the classes of Sabine Meyer and Reiner Wehle at the Lübeck College of Music and took additional lessons there in chamber music with Diethelm Jonas, which enabled her to pursue her enthusiasm for ensemble playing at an early age. She spent 2006 and 2007 on an exchange programme at the Guildhall School of Music & Drama in London, where she studied with Joy Farrall.

Between 2010 and 2012, the young clarinetist studied further with Martin Spangenberg at the Franz Liszt Academy of Music in Weimar, after which a scholarship enabled her to spend a year at the International Ensemble Modern Academy in Frankfurt. Part of her work there involved the CD "Euclidian Abyss", released in October 2013 in co-production with Deutschlandfunk.

The numerous awards Shelly Ezra has received include third prize at the ARD Music Competition in 2008, first prize at the International Mozart Wind Competition in Braunschweig in 2006, special prize at the International Clarinet Competition in Freiburg in 2009, second prize at the Stockhausen courses in Kürten in 2013 and first prize at the Tel Aviv Conservatory Competition in 2002. In 2011 she won third prize for duet performance at the European Chamber Music Competition in Karlsruhe and in 2009, together with Trio Arion, the Possehl Music Prize.

She has performed as soloist with the Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra, the Munich Chamber Orchestra, the Bonn Classical Philharmonic, the Jena Philharmonic, the Philharmonie der Nationen, the Collegium Musicum Basel, the Camerata Moravia and the Israel Chamber Orchestra. Her performing venues include the Laeiszhalle in Hamburg, the Konzerthaus in Berlin, the Beethovenhalle in Bonn, the Herkulesaal in Munich, the Liederhalle in Stuttgart, the Meistersinger-Halle in Nürnberg, Die Glocke in Bremen and the Rudolf Oetker Hall in Bielefeld. Shelly Ezra has participated in the Schleswig-Holstein Music Festival, the Lübeck Brahms Festival, the Braunschweig Classix Festival, the biennial *cresc...* (a modern music festival in the Frankfurt and Rhine-Main region), and in the International Music Festival in Český Krumlov. She has additionally performed at St Martin-in-the-Fields and the Wigmore Hall in London and at the Centre Pompidou in Paris. Some of Shelly Ezra's concerts have been recorded and broadcast by various German and foreign radio services. Between 2013 and 2014 Shelly Ezra served as the solo clarinetist of the Orquestra Gulbenkian in Lisbon.

Shelly Ezra is also in demand as a chamber musician. She regularly performs with the Ysaÿe Quartet, the Apollon Musagète Quartet, the Quatuor Psophos and the Eisler Quartet, as well as with Menahem Pressler, Sabine Meyer, David Walter, Radovan Vlatkovic, Martin Ostertag, Rainer Kussmaul, Christian Lampert, Diethelm Jonas and Ingo Goritzki.