

# TATIANA KOLEVA

MARIMBA/PERCUSSION

Recognized as virtuoso, versatile, and innovative artist in marimba and percussion Tatiana Koleva has premiered over 100 works created especially for her solo and ensemble projects.

Born in Bulgaria, currently Koleva lives in The Netherlands and combines her intensive concert agenda with education activities, holding a teaching position at the Prince Claus Conservatory / Hanze University, Groningen, NL. She is the founder and artistic director of the award-winning formation The (Youth) Percussion Pool - an education and performing platform for young professionals and the biannual festival event 'Amsterdam Marimba Weekend'.

Passionately involved in the promotion of contemporary music and art forms all over the world, Tatiana combines her intensive concert agenda with ongoing development of new programs often with her own music, initiating new musical encounters. Her performing style is marked by the press as "...highly energetic with intriguing rhythms and surprising musical developments."

Tatiana Koleva has performed in major concert halls throughout Europe, USA, Canada, Japan, Brazil, Jordan, Mexico and has appeared as a soloist of number of orchestras. She is regularly invited to join projects of leading ensembles and theatre groups and forms duo partnerships with artists of various backgrounds and genres. In addition to her activities as a classical musician she is often involved in cross-genre projects with improvised, jazz, rock, film, and stage music.

2023 marks the launching of her new marimba-kaval (Bulgarian shepherd flute) duo and the new project 'Rencontres - Xenakis on Wire' for percussion, harpsichord, and live electronics.

Koleva has recorded for Decca, New World Records, Attacca, Unsounds, Mode Records, Orgelpark Records, Wergo, BVHAAS, ICSM Records, NovaLinia Records (her own label), and more. Tatiana Koleva is award winner of various International Competitions. She is recipient of the prestigious Prize 'Musician of the Year 2009' by the National Radio and the audience of Bulgaria, and her Youth Percussion Pool was awarded "Ensemble of the Year 2012" in that same contest. In 2019 Koleva has been granted a 'Golden Medal' Special Award of the 'Manhattan Music Competition', NY, USA.

**Tatiana Koleva is Concorde Marimba and Innovative-Percussion Artist and is represented by:  
Impulse Art Management, Amsterdam**

**From the press:**

*"... superb percussionist... brilliantly played performance ... explosive energy..."* New York Times, USA

*"... Tatiana Koleva opens the doors widely for her instrument, her colleagues, and her students. A splendid CD, incomparably beautifully played and wonderfully recorded..."* Opus Klassiek, NL

*"... exceptional musician..."* Percussions Magazine, France;

*"... a truly remarkable percussionist..."* Business News Radio, NL;

*"... star-percussionist..."* Volkskrant, NL

*"... one of the best marimba players in the world ..."* Het Parool, NL

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