

## *Toms Ostrovskis*

Toms Ostrovskis studied piano performance at the Emils Darzins Secondary Music School, Jāzeps Vītols Latvian Academy of Music (JVLMA), and at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

Since 2007 Toms Ostrovskis is a member of the Piano Department of the JVLMA (currently associated professor). He has led masterclasses in Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Finland, Italy, Iceland, Sweden, Poland, Great Britain, and other countries. He is an active chamber musician and frequently participates in various solo and chamber music projects in Latvia and abroad.

Toms Ostrovskis has made numerous recordings for the Latvian Radio 3 "Klasika". Since 1998 he has been a member of the Latvian Piano Teachers Association (board member since 2010), representing EPTA Latvia in festivals and conferences across Europe.

In 2007 he became actively involved in the Innovative Conservatoire (ICon) project, an international collaboration to stimulate knowledge exchange, innovation and reflective practice in Conservatoires. Since 2014 he is the director of the "Talents of Inese Galante" competition, and from 2019 to 2022, he chaired the education initiative of the Riga Jurmala Music Festival, organizing international masterclasses of such renowned musicians as Mischa Maisky, Yefim Bronfman, Andras Schiff and Renee Fleming, amongst others. Since 2016 Toms Ostrovskis is a member of the Nordplus "Act in Art" network, developing entrepreneurship opportunities at higher music education institutions; since 2017, he has been a member of the project evaluation committee of the Creative Industries Incubator of the Investment and Development Agency of Latvia.

Since 2018 Toms Ostrovskis has been the Head of the Performing Arts Department of the JVLMA.