

DUO ALBEK



TWIN SISTERS **Ambra** AND **Fiona** HAVE BEEN PERFORMING SUCCESSFULLY SINCE 2002 MAINLY AS A DUO AND ALSO IN OTHER FORMATIONS SUCH AS PIANO TRIO, PIANO AND STRING QUARTETS, FOUR HANDS AND AS SOLOISTS; IN ADDITION, THEY HAVE ACCOMPANIED SINGERS AT RECITALS AND PERFORMED IN SPECIAL « MUSIC AND POETRY » PROGRAMS.

THEIR CONCERT ACTIVITIES INCLUDE VARIOUS FESTIVALS AND CULTURAL EVENTS IN SWITZERLAND, ITALY (AT THE TEATRO OLIMPICO IN VICENZA), HOLLAND, AUSTRIA (AT THE MOZARTEUM IN SALZBURG),

GERMANY (BERLIN), USA (NEW YORK), BAHAMAS (MUSIC SOCIETY), SURINAME (FUND RAISING CONCERT IN PARAMARIBO FOR THE LOCAL MUSIC SCHOOL), AUSTRALIA. THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN AWARDED PRIZES AT INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER MUSIC COMPETITIONS. VARIOUS TV TRANSMISSIONS HAVE BEEN MADE IN SWITZERLAND AND ABROAD ABOUT THEIR ACTIVITIES.

THEY BOTH STARTED VIOLIN AND PIANO STUDIES AT THE AGE OF 7. FURTHER TO THEIR HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION, THEY CONTINUED THEIR STUDIES IN MUSIC AT THE SWISS ITALIAN CONSERVATOIRE IN LUGANO/SWITZERLAND AND THEREAFTER AT THE ZÜRICH/WINTERTHUR MUSIKHOCHSCHULE.

Ambra WAS TAUGHT BY ALBERTO LYSY AND GRADUATED WITH MERIT UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF IGOR KARSKO IN LUGANO, FOLLOWED BY PERFORMANCE STUDIES IN RUDOLF KOELMAN'S VIOLIN CLASS AND WENDY CHAMPNEY'S VIOLA CLASS AT THE MUSIKHOCHSCHULE IN ZÜRICH/WINTERTHUR.

SHE GRADUATED IN 2004 OBTAINING THE CONCERT DIPLOMA WITH TOP MARKS AND DISTINCTION. FOLLOWING HER MAIN INTEREST IN CHAMBER MUSIC SHE HAS BEEN ATTENDING OTHER MASTER COURSES WITH NORA CHASTAIN, FRIEDEMANN RIEGER AND THE CARMINA QUARTET IN ZÜRICH.

Fiona WAS TAUGHT BY NORA DOALLO IN LUGANO GRADUATING WITH MERIT; SHE CONTINUES HER PERFORMANCE STUDIES IN FRIEDEMANN RIEGER'S PIANO CHAMBER MUSIC CLASSES AND THE LIEDER PERFORMANCE CLASS IN ZÜRICH/WINTERTHUR.

SHE GRADUATED IN 2005 WITH HIGHEST MARKS AND DISTINCTION AS A «PIANO CHAMBER MUSICIAN» AND AS ACCOMPANIST OF LYRIC SINGERS.

THEIR MUSICAL EDUCATION WAS ENHANCED BY ATTENDING PROF. PIER NARCISO MASI'S CHAMBER MUSIC MASTER CLASS AT THE INTERNATIONAL PIANO ACADEMY IN IMOLA/ITALY WHICH THEY RECENTLY COMPLETED SUCCESSFULLY OBTAINING THE MASTER DEGREE WITH HIGHEST MARKS.

IN ADDITION, **Ambra** HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT AT MASTER-CLASSES HELD BY EMANUEL HURWITZ IN LONDON, GÉRARD POULET, INGOLF TURBAN, ARNULF VON ARNIM, PETER RYBAR, WHILE **Fiona** HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT AT MASTER-CLASSES HELD BY SERGIO FIORENTINO, PAUL BADURA SKODA, ARNULF VON ARNIM, DARIO DE ROSA, SANDRO D'ONOFRIO A.O.