



## *SHENGNAN HU*

Born in Jiangsu province of China, Shengnan Hu showed an extraordinary talent in music in her early childhood and began to learn to play the piano at the age of five. Later on at the age of ten, she began to learn to play her second instrument xylophone. In 1996, Hu entered music school affiliated to the Central Music Academy of China in Beijing, where she majored in the performing art of percussion instruments with Mr. Zhao Ji. In 2002, Shengnan Hu was enrolled by China Central Academy of Music and at the same year, she entered Universität für Musik und darstellende Kunst Graz and studied with professor Gerald

Fromme principal timpani player of Vienna Radio Symphony Orchestra and professor Ulrike Stadler. Shengnan Hu was awarded the highest scholarship by the Austrian government and hailed to be one of the excellent students and the most promising percussionist of the Universität. In 2007, Shengnan Hu was enrolled by Hochschule für Musik „Hanns Eisler“ Berlin, respectively studied with professor Li Biao, Rainer Seegers (principal timpani of Berlin Philharmonic) and Franz Schindlbeck

solo percussion of Berlin Philharmonic and graduated with performing art degree together with scholarship awarded by Berlin National Culture Foundation.

Shengnan Hu won many competition awards including the coveted gold prize at Hummel International Percussion Instrument Competition in Munich, silver prize and best timpanist at the International Percussion Instrument Competition in Bulgaria (gold prize at this competition was not won).

Being a successful percussionist, Shengnan Hu can play over two hundred different percussion instruments, whether keyboard percussion instruments or drums from any parts of the world. Shengnan Hu's concert always impressed the audience with her unique stage style and unique interpretation. She respectively played with many orchestras including Grosses Orchester Graz in Austria, Konzerthaus Orchester Berlin, Leoben orchestra, Bulgarian National Symphony Orchestra, EU Youth Orchestra, German Chamber Orchestra, Austrian Brass Band, Percusemble Berlin and Percussion NOVA Graz. Hu Sheng Nan's concerts have brought her to Germany, France, Slovenia, Italy, Austria, Algeria, Turkey and many more other countries. She was also frequently invited to give recitals at many music festivals such as BAD KISSINGEN and The Best of Berlin, Music Festival at Central Music Academy in Beijing, Linz International Percussion Music Festival, Leoben Music Festival. In 2008, Shengnan Hu was invited to play at the Closing Ceremony of Beijing Olympic 2008. She played in many well-known concert halls like Berlin Philharmonic Concert Hall, Brandenburg Theater Germany, Berlin Music Conservatory Concert Hall and the concert hall of China Central Academy of Music.

Live recordings of Shengnan Hu for many times were broadcasted by ORF, Classical Music Channel OE1 of Austria and CCTV in China. Her concerts won many credits such as an unparalleled percussion music show by Austria Crown, a new rising percussionist star with big charm by Berlin Post and many more by Brandenburg Daily, China Music Weekly, China Instrument and Beijing Paper.

Who is Hu is Shengnan Hu's debut CD released to honor herself at the time when she was awarded performing art degree. Hu is a magical spirit on the stage, her performance can bring tears and excitement out of the audience and Her music comes directly from the very bottom of her heart. She is very young but a very matured and pure true musician. She knows how to present the best music to her audience.