



RAFAEL GONZÁLEZ PAZ

PIANO

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BIOGRAPHY

Rafael González Paz (Montevideo, 1988) is a Uruguayan and Spanish pianist based in Ibiza. Bach's Goldberg Variations have been with him for years: he played them at his final master's recital at the Franz Liszt Academy in Budapest and, later, at the Palma Conservatory, where the audience gave him a standing ovation.

He trained in Montevideo with Carmen Mutarelli and Raquel Boldorini, and in Santiago de Chile with María Iris Radrigán; there, in 2010, he won First Prize and the Medal of Honour at the "Flora Guerra" Piano Competition. He then moved to Europe, studying with Grigory Gruzman in Weimar and with Rita Wagner and András Kemenes in Budapest, where he graduated with honours. He has also worked with the pianist Homero Francesch.

He has performed in venues such as the Palace of Arts (Műpa) in Budapest, De Zalen in The Hague, the Teatro Municipal de Santiago, Teatro del Lago in Frutillar and Teatro Solís in Montevideo, and for several seasons he was part of the SODRE Pianists' Series in Uruguay. As a soloist, he has appeared with the Karlovy Vary Philharmonic Orchestra and the Ensemble für Neue Musik in Weimar.

In 2022 he began working as pianist with the Balearic Islands Symphony Orchestra. He has played at Festival Clàssica in Maria de la Salut, the Vila de Santanyí International Festival and the Inaudit series in Palma and, since 2024, has appeared every season in the Cicle de Cambra del Migjorn and the Concerts a Ca'n Bonico series.

He was an associate professor at the Conservatori Superior de Música de les Illes Balears and has taught at the Santanyí Municipal School of Music and the Felanitx Professional Conservatory of Music and Dance. He now teaches piano at the municipal music school in Sant Joan de Labritja.



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PROGRAMMES

1 GOLDBERG VARIATIONS

BACH

J. S. Bach — Goldberg Variations, BWV 988

approx. 75 min

2 THE THREE BS

BACH · BEETHOVEN · BRAHMS

J. S. Bach — *The Well-Tempered Clavier* I: Prelude and Fugue No. 7, BWV 852, and No. 8, BWV 853

L. van Beethoven — Sonata No. 31 in A-flat major, Op. 110

J. Brahms — Variations and Fugue on a Theme by Handel, Op. 24

approx. 60 min

3 THE INEFFABLE DESTINY

SCHUBERT · CHOPIN

F. Schubert — Sonata in A major, D. 959

F. Chopin — 24 Preludes, Op. 28 (partly composed in Valldemossa, Mallorca)

approx. 80 min, with interval



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PROGRAMMES

4 CARNAVAL AND KREISLERIANA

SCHUMANN

R. Schumann — *Carnaval*, Op. 9

R. Schumann — *Kreisleriana*, Op. 16

approx. 65 min

5 THREE CENTURIES OF HISTORY

SOLER · MOZART · GERSHWIN · BRAHMS

A journey through three centuries of piano music.

A. Soler — Sonata in D major · Sonata in G minor

W. A. Mozart — Fantasia in C minor, K. 475

G. Gershwin — Songbook: I'll Build a Stairway to Paradise, Somebody Loves Me, 'S Wonderful, Do-Do-Do, Liza

J. Brahms — Variations and Fugue on a Theme by Handel, Op. 24

approx. 55 min



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CAREER

INTERNATIONAL VENUES

Palace of Arts (Müpa), Budapest
De Zalen, The Hague
Teatro Municipal de Santiago de Chile
Teatro del Lago, Frutillar
Teatro Solís, Montevideo
Pablo Atchugarry Foundation, Punta del Este

URUGUAY

SODRE Pianists' Series, Montevideo (several seasons)
Fundación Mozarteum del Uruguay, Punta del Este

SOLOIST WITH ORCHESTRA

Karlovy Vary Philharmonic Orchestra
Ensemble für Neue Musik, Weimar

BALEARIC ISLANDS

Balearic Islands Symphony Orchestra, as pianist (since 2022)
Festival Clàssica, Maria de la Salut (2022, 2023)
Vila de Santanyi International Festival
Inaudit series, Palma (2021)
Cicle de Cambra del Migjorn (2024–2026)
Concerts a Ca'n Bonico, Ses Salines (2024–2026)
Teatre Municipal Xesc Forteza, Palma
Conservatori Superior de Música de les Illes Balears

RECENT CONCERTS

20.09.2026	Concerts a Ca'n Bonico, Ses Salines	<i>Goldberg Variations</i>
07.08.2026	Cicle de Cambra del Migjorn · Cloister of Sant Bonaventura, Lluçmajor	<i>Goldberg Variations</i>
21.02.2026	Castillo Hotel Son Vida, Palma · charity concert	<i>Three Centuries of History</i>
19.10.2025	Church of Sant Felip Neri, Palma	<i>Three Centuries of History</i>
27.09.2025	Concerts a Ca'n Bonico, Ses Salines	<i>Three Centuries of History</i>
28.08.2025	Sala Vaz Ferreira, Montevideo	<i>Three Centuries of History</i>
02.08.2025	Cicle de Cambra del Migjorn · Cloister of Sant Bonaventura, Lluçmajor	<i>Mozart · Schumann · Brahms</i>



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PRESS

«Al final, el público puesto en pie, aplaudió de forma entusiasta la interpretación.»

"At the end, the audience rose to its feet and applauded the performance enthusiastically." (translation)

| *«El pianista uruguayo estuvo acertado en todo momento...»*

| *«...ofreció un auténtico recital de buen hacer...»*

Pere Estelrich i Massutí

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Goldberg Variations · Palma Conservatory



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VIDEOS



BACH – GOLDBERG VARIATIONS: ARIA (EXCERPT)

Castillo Hotel Son Vida, Mallorca, 2026

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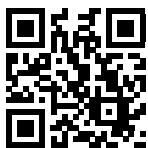
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SOLER – SONATAS IN D MAJOR AND G MINOR

Castillo Hotel Son Vida, Mallorca, 2026

youtu.be/fDpf0vNEbh4



MOZART – FANTASIA IN C MINOR, K. 475

Castillo Hotel Son Vida, Mallorca, 2026

youtu.be/6YH-NHUWvPA



GERSHWIN – SONGBOOK

Castillo Hotel Son Vida, Mallorca, 2026

youtu.be/OqrTytJ8sWo



ALL VIDEOS

YouTube playlist "Rafael González Paz (Illa Músics)"

[youtube.com/playlist](https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL...) · Rafael González Paz

Recordings: Pantamaria Films

TECHNICAL RIDER

PIANO

Preferably a Steinway & Sons Model B concert grand.
Minimum: a grand piano of about 2 metres.
Please check the available piano in advance.

REHEARSAL

If possible, 2-3 hours before the concert.

HALL

Good acoustics, insulated from outside noise.
Adequate lighting for the scores, a bench without
armrests and a dressing room.

BOOKING

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