

DUO SZWABÓ-FLOWERS

Duo Szabó-Flowers consists of Hungarian cellist Ildiko Szabó and the Australian guitarist Jesse Flowers. Both acclaimed soloists in their own right, they combine technical mastery and heartfelt musicianship to create concert programmes that fully explore the rich possibilities of their ensemble. Their expressive and imaginative interpretations have led the *Badische Zeitung* to write, 'with a polished sound, outstanding musicality and temperament, the Duo dazzled the audience.'

After meeting at the *Deutscher Musikwettbewerb* in 2016, they took part in the National Concerts for Young Artists 2017/18 season, resulting in 14 recitals across Germany. They have been performing together ever since, resulting in a deep shared musical understanding.

One of the distinctive features of their programmes are their unique arrangements. Their mission is to breathe new life into canonical compositions and unearth hidden gems from a wide range of musical genres. They invite their audience to experience beloved pieces and discover unknown treasures in a whole new light. Their shared interest in exploring new musical territory has led them to collaborate with contemporary composers, commissioning and premiering new works specifically written for their duo.