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MARC-ANDRÉ HAMELIN
pianist

Hamelin awarded Deutsche Schallplattenpreis **Marc-André Hamelin, pianist** **February 2007**

Last month, MARC-ANDRÉ HAMELIN was awarded one of the recording industry's highest honors - the Preis der Deutsche Schallplattenkritik.

The prize, in special acknowledgement of Mr. Hamelin's complete body of recorded works, was awarded at a gala ceremony and live recital in Berlin on December 3. Paul Moor, writing for Musical America, said of the recital that, "Once again Hamelin's sheer musicality made the same deep impression on me that it had on the occasion of our only previous encounter." - an encounter that prompted him to say "Well, I'd never expected to hear another pianist who for sheer technical virtuosity outclassed even Horowitz, but I really think I just have."

Other honors included appearances on several Top of 2006 lists - JeremyEichler of the Boston Globe named Mr. Hamelin's Dukas Sonata recording as one of the best CDs of the year, and Georgia Rowe of the Bay Area's Contra Costa Times named Mr. Hamelin's San Francisco Symphony world-premiere performance of Kevin Volans' Atlantic Crossing as one of the best performances of the year, which, along with his April 2006 San Francisco Performances recitals, earned him her pick as "pianist of the year."