

Marc-Andre Hamelin

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Different Experiences, Trouble, Rachmaninoff, Portions, Use, Forgotten,
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My father ran the gamut: a favorite of his was Josef Hofmann, but there was also Friedman, Rachmaninoff, Godowsky, Lhevinne, Moiseiwitsch, Paderewski, etc.

~Marc-Andre Hamelin

To be perfectly honest, I was never really aware that I had any special abilities. When you have what you have, you don't really think about what you don't have; you simply work with what you have.

~Marc-Andre Hamelin

Very rarely do I work on mechanics now. I tend to solve problems within the music itself.

~Marc-Andre Hamelin

As far as the style, I can't say there is one definite style. I probably feel most comfortable writing in a tonal idiom, with considerable, if not extreme chromaticism.

~Marc-Andre Hamelin

I don't listen to recordings very much now, to be perfectly honest. I listened to them a lot when I was younger.

~Marc-Andre Hamelin

Every composer understands and uses the system of notation differently, and that's what makes you appreciate the trouble they go through in doing so.

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There's a substantial portion of my recorded repertoire that was learned for the recording sessions, and then basically forgotten. I wouldn't say it's the majority, but it's a fairly good chunk of it.

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