

Ionas Mercadal - *clarinet*

Ionas Mercadal Euler was born in 2003 in Sant Cugat del Vallès into a family with a long musical tradition . He received his first clarinet lessons at the age of 6 from his father Juanjo Mercadal . In the summer of 2019 he completed his studies of the clarinet in "Grado professional " and graduated from the Conservatory of Sant Cugat del Vallès (prof. Clara Font) . In the winter term of 2019-20 Ionas began his studies as a junior student at the ESMUC (Escola Superior de Música de Catalunya) with Professor Josep Fuster.

Since 2010, as a student of the German School in Barcelona, Ionas regularly participates in the "Jugend musiziert" competition , receiving numerous first prizes on the national level (Spain /Portugal) as a soloist and in the category duo (clarinet and piano). In 2018 he won 2nd prize in the Bundeswettbewerb in Lübeck in the category solo clarinet , and in 2019 he was also a prize winner in the category duo (clarinet and piano) in Halle. In January 2020, at the age of 17, he won the 1st prize in the "International Mozart Competition " in Tbilisi (Georgia). In August 2020 he was awarded the " Assoluto Prize " of the competition " Internationaler Wettbewerb Musikalisches Feuerwerk Baden-Württemberg" in Karlsruhe (Germany), in November 2020 he was awarded the " First Prize " in the International Music Festival- Competition " Stars at Tenerife" (Canarias/ Spain), in January 2021 he won the 3rd prize in the "Junior" category of the "1st International Online Clarinet Competition ' Guy Deplus ', Gran Canaria", in February 2021 he won the " First Prize " in "XII Savshinsky International Music Competition Saint Petersburg", Russia .

Ionas regularly attends international masterclasses , in Germany with professors Harald Harrer and Norbert Kaiser , in Portugal with António Saiote and Spain with Dmitry Rasul-Kareyev and Josep Fuster.