



Claudia Corona - Piano

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CD Review and Recommendation

» [...] *harmonisch derbe Tänzer mit krassen Klang-Grimassen, knochigen Akzenten und verrückten Beschleunigungen. Unbedingt hörenswert!* «

[Piano News](#) Hans-Dieter Grünefeld Germany (July/August 2019)

CD Tip

» *Ask however many people are sitting next to you in Symphony Hall about Mexican composer José Rolón (1876-1945) ... and chances are they won't know anything about him. That's a shame, because Rolón's cheery, optimistic music is just what the world needs right now. Claudia Corona is an amazing pianist who needs to be better known here in America. [...] I'm listening to the whole 2-CD set, on repeat.* «

[Classical Radio Boston](#) Laura Carlo USA (July 2019)

CD Review and Recommendation!

» [...] *Hopefully this CD set will provide a valuable weapon in helping to afford José Rolón the acclaim and prominence he so richly deserves, by seeking to fill in the gap since his Piano Concerto was first released some years ago [...]. If it were purely on the quality of her playing, her profuse stylistic sensitivity, abundant technical prowess, and sense of pure panache, it would make good sense to get to know as much as possible about her fellow-countryman as possible. But factor in the superb playing in the Piano Quartet, the outstanding recording quality and piano sound itself, and TYXart has really come up with a winner again, [...]* «

[MusicWeb](#) Philip R Buttall USA/international (July 2019)

CD Review & Tip!

» *If you were to compile a list of significant early 20th century Mexican composers, José Rolón's name would be on it. [...] There's a glorious slow movement and catchy finale, persuasively shaped by Corona and her trio of string players. Highly rewarding, then, and a reminder that there's plenty of good music still waiting to be rediscovered.* «

[The arts desk.com](#) Graham Rickson / England (online/29.06.2019)

CD Review & Tip!

»... *Die in Deutschland lebende mexikanische Pianistin Claudia Corona spielt die Werke brillant und mit Latino-Temperament ...* «

[Magazin PIANIST](#) Netherlands (Magazine Nr.2/2019)

Album Review and Tip!

» [...] *Throughout this 2-Disc set, Claudia Corona's playing is always exemplary. From the highly expressive touches she brings to the beautiful Les papillons blancs to the technical demands of the 2 Etudes for Piano, she has already set the bar high for this music and will now be the gauge by which to compare any future recordings. [...]* «

[Classical Music Sentinel](#) - recommendations of the best in classical music recordings, Jean-Yves Duperron Canada/international (04/2019)

CD Presentation and Recommendation!

» *Mexican composer José Rolón created about one hundred years ago a music influenced by the romantic predecessors and his own cultural origins. Claudia Corona's playing immediately reveals a close familiarity with Rolón's work. It shows a sense of security and freedom of expression that directly conveys the charm of the various piano pieces. In the quartet the three strings join her with the same naturalness and make the work blossom intensively.* «

[pizzicato.lu](#) - Remy Franck's Journal about Classical Music, BeNeLux/international (04/2019)

Album Presentation and Recommendation!

» [...] *die Pianistin Claudia Corona, eine in Deutschland lebende Landsmännin, hat [Rolón] eine hörenswerte, weil durchweg fesselnde "Homage" gewidmet. Klar im Anschlag, dicht im Spiel, vielfältig in der Stilistik lässt sie "Weiße Schmetterlinge" steigen und eine Berceuse sich wiegen, eine "Träumerei" oder ein "Madrigal" aufklingen oder zwei Etüden Virtuosität verbreiten. [...]* **Klavierquartett: hochromantische Musik, die den Vergleich mit Gattungsgeschwistern von Saint-Saëns und Fauré nicht scheuen muss.** « **Album Presentation and Recommendation!**

Frankenpost Michael Thumser / Germany (04/2019)

» ***Mexikaner mit Potenzial - Entdeckung: Die Pianistin Claudia Corona hat sich zum Ziel gesetzt, das Werk des Komponisten José Rolón bekannter zu machen. Sie tut das virtuos und mit viel Temperament [...]*** ***Diese Werke zeigen Claudia Coronas virtuosos Potenzial ebenso wie ihr Temperament. Dass sie auch eine exzellente Kammermusikerin ist, beweist sie in Rolóns fast brahmsisch anmutendem Klavierquartett, das sie mit drei befreundeten Musikern eingespielt hat. Selbst Kenner würden da nie auf einen Mexikaner tippen.*** « **CD Review and Tip!**

[Stuttgarter Zeitung](#) Frank Armbruster / Germany (05.04.2019)

» ***Paris liegt in Mexiko [...]*** ***Claudia Coronas hochprofessioneller Einsatz für ihren kreativen Landsmann ist aller Ehren wert. Da bereitet das Hören wirklich Freude. Und: Da klingt José Rolón authentisch.*** « **CD Review and Recommendation!**

[Badische Zeitung](#) Johannes Adam / Germany (20.03.2019)

» **CD Review and Tip!** «

Newspaper 'Wiener Zeitung', Austria (18.03.2019)

» ***Klassik aus Mexiko*** « **Portrait**

[Der Sonntag](#) Ute Schöler / Germany (17.03.2019)

» ***Rolón: Pianowerken; Pianokwartet*** « **CD Review & Recommendation**

[Musicalifeiten](#) Jan de Kruijff / Netherlands (online 03/2019)

» ***Video - TV UNAM Interview with Claudia Corona about José Rolón's Piano Concerto*** «

[Part I](#) / [Part II](#) OFUNAM – Sala Nezahualcóyotl / Mexico (November 2016)

» ***Las consecuencias saltan al oído...*** « **Interview with Claudia Corona**

[Proceso](#) Samuel Maynez / México (23.11.2015)

» ***Classical Music Reviews & Magazine – CD 'Mexican Piano Concertos'***

[...] I cannot over-emphasize the care and zest with which these musicians approach this enjoyable program, and the recording quality is excellent. Without question, this disc is a delightful discovery. «

[Fanfare Magazine](#) Phillip Scott / USA (Mar/Apr 2014)

» ***Hacia el encuentro de José Rolón - Interview with Claudia Corona*** «

[La Jornada Semanal](#) & Pauta Nr. 129, Vol. XXXII Edgar Aguilar / Mexico (09.02.2014)

» ***Mexico and Cuba in the Fleisher Collection*** «

[Discoveries from the Fleisher Collection](#) Kile Smith / USA (01.02.2014)

» ***[...] Corona plays brilliantly, and the recording quality is warm, rich and detailed. An enjoyable, offbeat release.*** «

[theartsdesk.com](#) Graham Rickson / England (25.01.2014)

» ***The Mexican pianist Claudia Corona, project starter and soloist on this CD, is clear about her duty as an ambassador for Latin American music and has constantly proved in her concerts and recordings that music, specially that of her home country cannot be reduced to folkloric clichés [...]***

Claudia Corona makes an impression as a soloist on both Concertos with vigorous rhythmic accuracy and structural clarity as does the Nuremberg Symphonic Orchestra under Gregor Bühl's direction making themselves heard, committed and with great dedication in this excellent CD edition, (also throughout the comprehensive booklet in 5 languages) as advocates of this music, little known in our country. «

Schott Music [Das Orchester](#) Klaus Angermann / Germany (11 / 2013 Edition)

» *CD Tip - Classical Lost and Found*

[...] Mexican pianist Claudia Corona, who will be new to most, makes a strong impression with this release. A technically brilliant performer, her articulate phrasing, carefully judged dynamics and innate sense of Latin rhythms ensure superb interpretations of both concertos. She receives outstanding support from German conductor Gregor Bühl and the Nuremberg Symphony [...]. «

Clofo.com Bob Mc Quiston / USA (October 2013)

» *Pauta Nr. 127, Vol. XXXI -Cuadernos de teoría y crítica musical – Discos «*

Juan Arturo Brennan / Mexico (July to September 2013)

» *CD-Tip!* « expeditionaudio.com Paul Ballyk / USA (October 07, 2013)

» *Claudia Corona gives shape to his (Rolón's) top rhythmic Piano Concerto in a lively manner and luminous, supported by the Nuremberg Symphony under Gregor Bühl. «*

FONO FORUM / Germany (September 2013)

» *New music by Samuel Zyman*

[...] The discoveries [concertos by Zyman and Rolón] are presented with great drive and precision by the brilliant Mexican soloist Claudia Corona and the Nuremberg Symphony under Gregor Bühl. «

nmz Neue Musik Zeitung / Germany (September 2013)

» *SWR2 Cluster: Freiburg-Mexico, Claudia Corona discovers unknown Mexican composers «*

SWR2 Radio Broadcast Wibke Gerking / Germany (September 06, 2013)

» *CD Presentation «* Excerpts Dr. Ricardo Miranda, Musicologist / Mexico (19.10.2013)

» *Claudia Corona plays Zyman and Rolón «* universo uv.mx J. Vázquez / México (28.10.2013)

» *Interview by Andreas Ziegler – TYXart, with Claudia Corona «* tyxart.de / Germany (October 2013)

» *CD Review «* ResMusica Jean-Luc Caron / France (06.10.2013)

» *Raw rhythmic force «* Newspaper Der Sonntag Ute Schöler / Germany (06.10.2013)

» *New Releases [...] Along with the Zyman, [the Rolón] is presented here in a world première version recording, and it certainly is nice to see them both enrich the piano concerto repertoire. [...] Only one year old, and the new music label TYXart has already released its share of very good recordings presenting "new" works, and this, so far, is one of the best. Don't be skeptical as to the relative obscurity -as far as recordings are concerned - of pianist Claudia Corona and conductor Gregor Bühl. They can spar with the best. [...] If you're always on the lookout for good, unheard pieces of music worth discovering, this is an opportunity not to be missed. «*

classicalmusicsentinel.com Jean-Yves Duperron USA / Canada (August 2013)

» *The value of the repertoire is tremendous, considering the fact that from Rolón, as well as from Zyman there are only few examples representing their work at the moment. [...] There is much to listen in both pieces, - these works stand for themselves and this production is a real discovery to be recommended very warmly. General Impression: Maximum Score! 10/10 «*

klassik-heute.de Michael B. Weiß / Germany (July 05, 2013)

» *Exciting: Mexican Piano Concertos [...] Although very different from one another, these equally interesting Mexican piano concertos have been recorded in lively performances. We confidently recommend the new TYXart release to any music lover eager to enlarge his own symphonic horizon. «*

pizzicato.lu Remy Franck / Luxembourg (July 11, 2013)

» *What happens if impressionism meets Mexican folklore? Rolón's music is the result. Never heard of him? That's not fair! Proof of this is provided by Mexican pianist Claudia Corona, who lives in Freiburg -with the Nuremberg Symphony under the baton of Gregor Bühl. [...] Rolón's Concerto is fantastic [...] Mexican rhythms and fanfares are subtly plaited into impressionistic harmonies. A new style arises. Creatively melted is also the interpretation by Corona and the Nuremberg [Symphony]: picturesque*

blurred tone colours à la Ravel join to lively dancing precision. «
CD Tip —Badische Zeitung Fabian Ober / Germany (July 24, 2013)

» *CD Tip —kulturnews* «
Magazin Hamburg / Germany (07 / 2013)

» *CD Tip —Frankenpost* «
Feuilleton, Michael Thumser / Germany (July 19, 2013)

» *Radio Stephansdom Vienna: CD of the day (25 June 2013) and CD of the week (29.06.2013) A captivating discovery - highly virtuoso and lively!*
With the new “end of the World” Pope, the perspective that was up till now based basically on Europe, have broadened. Equally, it is worth taking a look out of its own borders, as in other parts of the world, there are fascinating things yet to be discovered as well. Such is the case with México.
There is where Pianist Claudia Corona comes from, and she had just recently recorded Piano Concertos from his homecountry, together with Nuremberg Symphonic Orchestra conducted by Gregor Bühl. With great liveliness and dynamism the CD begins with the Piano Concerto by Samuel Zyman, born in 1956. He belongs to the main representatives of Mexican music composers and teaches at Juilliard School, New York. Claudia Corona specially appreciates the magnificent rhythmic energy of this Concerto. [...]
The pianist, perfectly acquainted with the European repertoire, has as her objective, to promote the richness of Mexican music out of all clichés. Since the Spanish colonization, the music of México is a mixture of typical country elements and European influence.
The years that José Rolon studied with Moritz Moszkowski, Nadia Boulanger and Paul Dukas amongst others, can clearly be heard. [...] Claudia Corona with the Nuremberg Symphony under the baton of Gregor Bühl has recorded stylistic, versatile, marvelously coloured and extraordinarily lively music. A perfect estival pleasure! «
Radio Stephansdom Vienna / Austria : [Podcast](#) / [CD-Review](#) / [CD-Tip of the day](#) / [CD-Tip of the week](#)

» *WDR 3 TonArt: Interview*« [Broadcast](#) Katja Ruppenthal WDR 3 / Germany (June 20, 2013)

» *This music gives the impression to flow from below Claudia Corona’s fingers...as if it was gushing out from the piano like an effervescent source, clear and luminous. Répertoire 9/10 –Interprétation 9/10*«
[crescendo-magazine.be](#) Jean-Baptiste Baronian / Belgium (June 21, 2013)

» *CD Tip — Thüringische Landeszeitung*« [TLZ](#) Wolfgang Hirsch / Germany (June 15, 2013)

» *Naxos has released a fascinating journey through the Mexican pianist Claudia Corona under the title Música Latinoamericana (Latin American Music) [...] Tasty and with a muddled rhythm sound, [...] Corona charms Two Motions with great vigor... Sublime and mysterious is the start of Carlos Chavez’ Sonata Nr. 2. Corona takes the time to enjoy the long introduction before the start of the stormy and alive Allegro. In contrast, Étude Op 31 gives*

the impression of a daydream, and in Villa-Lobos’ amusing small Characteristic Fable O gato e o rato (The cat and mouse), Corona highlights splendidly the outstanding chasings...«
Piano News, Ernst Hoffman / Germany (November/December 2009 Magazine)

» *Virtuously played and captivating...* «
SR2 Kulturradio, Wolfgang Korb CD-News / Germany (October 31, 2009)

» *Musical fireworks/ Pianist Claudia Corona shows in Kumedi her mastery and openness to the world. [...] With fireworks of musical impressions Claudia Corona began with the Suite Spain by Isaac Albeniz and ended equally brilliant with Three Pieces by Argentine composer Alberto Ginastera. In the middle there was a trip around the world from Europe to the United States with a Sonatine by Maurice Ravel, music of the Russian composers Sergei Rachmaninoff and Anatol Liadov, again France with Erik Satie and American music with Preludes for Piano by George Gershwin. With her varied way of playing, she made the pieces concise, interesting and lively. Above all this was heard in the 11 different pieces which the French composer Francis Poulenc created with changing musical moods. With the pianist Claudia*

Corona this composition became a real alternative exchange of emotions, from joy or pretentious nobility, on calm wisdom, biting sarcasm, subtle irony, wild fantasies and a corresponding strong final. [...]«
Badische Zeitung, Ilona Hüge / Germany (July 10, 2008)

» *With charm, skill and temperament / Claudia Corona in Wyhlen*

The land of the Mayans has something more to offer than the great testimonies of high civilizations, their fascinating classical piano music. This is shown in the recital given by the young Mexican pianist Claudia Corona, who presented exclusively composers of her homeland, in the concert series of the Institut für bildnerischesDenken (Institut for visual thought) Grenzach-Wyhlen, Germany. A mere Mexican recital -here, for the music fans, a new experience engaging and broadening horizons. A pianist born in Mexico City, and based in Freiburg, her interest in music of her compatriots is felt from her very heart, which she transmits to her listeners with her great charm, ability and temperament via the special music language of these works. The audience was also very grateful to Claudia Corona for her feedback, they could find out more about these composers of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries and their way between the Mexican tradition, their personal identities and European influences. Works of Ricardo Castro, the first Mexican pianist with an international career, make us think of Chopin and Liszt. His Barcarola sounded wonderfully lyrical, played softly dreamy, almost impressionistic, and Castro's Suite Op 18, is the perfect food for virtuosi: full of strength, with rolling and brilliant passages of remarkable dexterousness, Claudia Corona dominated the dances on the keyboard with her captivating way of playing and a real digital mastery. With beautiful swiftness, soft touch and sweet colors, the pianist played three works by Manuel Maria Ponce, who joined a romantic-nationalist style with impressionistic harmonies. This was also heard in his Balada Mexicana, one of the most famous concert works, which is based on two songs. José Rolón also had a major influence on Mexican music, he received important boosts from Nadia Boulanger and Paul Dukas in Paris to develop his own style. With a great sense of rhythm, almost percussive touch, full of vigor and fervor, the guest pianist played Tres Danzas Indígenas (Three Native Dances). A wide range of colors and full of atmosphere was shown in her interpretation of various short works by Mario Ruíz Armengol, "Mr. Harmony", who was inspired by Mexican folk songs and American contemporary music. Thus his Fantasiosa, a Cuban dance, sounded almost jazz-like with elegance and elasticity. Armengol was a family friend of the Corona family, and similarly Claudia Corona has a friendly relationship with the composer Samuel Zyman, current professor at the Julliard School in New York. From him, Corona played the very driving, dynamic and rhythmic piece Two Motions in One Movement. «

Badische Zeitung, Roswitha Frey / Germany (April 8, 2008)

» *Self and universal / piano recital with Claudia Corona in "Kumedi", Riegel.*

Riegel meets Mexico in a very special topic [...] taken to the highest level and most rewarding. [...] Her program was devoted to post-Romantic and contemporary piano music from her homeland. [...] Her goal was to convey awareness for this important sector in the development of Mexican classical music. [...] "Separate self from universal": This could also be said as a feature of the pianist after the concert. The sovereign domain of the most difficult piano technique is one thing; to use it convincingly and eloquently for a personal musical expression is a feature perceived in Claudia Corona. For music lovers of piano works this concert meant meeting with piano literature out of the ordinary. For each of the happily, many listeners [...] tonight was an extraordinary experience through the intense presence and authenticity of the pianist. «

Badische Zeitung, Hildegard Karig / Germany (July 31, 2007)

» *Virtuoso piano sounds / Hülzweiler*

[Claudia Corona] [...] conveyed excellently the connection between virtuosity, distinctive tonal language, and the great romantic gesture that characterizes late Sergei Rachmaninoff. With great seriousness and surprising maturity, the young pianist dominated this very demanding work. Sweeping interpretation, brilliant skill [...] She builds the second theme softly, fluidly and with more intimacy, an emotional act that the orchestra supports on long passages.

[...] The climax is in the second movement cadenza: short, brilliant and dreamy, clear and transparent in tone. She plays the third movement with great virtuosity, which after an exciting escalate she ends in a waterfall of pianistic fireworks. Corona thanks the applause with the Prelude in c sharp minor, which Rachmaninoff offered at his entrance to the United States, and a meditative Barcarola from the Mexican pianist Ricardo Castro. «

Saarbrücker Zeitung, Jutta Stamm / Germany (July 11, 2007)

» *Her poise on the piano is convincing / Claudia Corona shines with her interpretation of the Mexican composer Samuel Zyman with Nuevo Leon University Orchestra. The superb performance of the pianist Claudia Corona in Samuel Zyman's Piano Concerto was the most significant moment of the evening. [...] Zyman's Concerto gave the soloist ample opportunity to shine, because it is a brave piece that requires a lot of physical endurance, technical deployment and aplomb. The piece is remarkable for its harmonic combinations, as well as a dizzying pace and unwavering fast movements. [...] I think that the Mexican composer, graduate and professor at Juilliard in New York, not only has "something", but much to say with his peculiar style, he has the great quality of making the audience feel excitement with his music. In addition, the author manages to show that he has enormous creativity and mastery of orchestral resources. Corona, who has specialized in the repertoire of Mexican musicians, showed the undoubted qualities of a safe technique, capable to demolish all the complexities of a work as challenging as Zyman's. Her enthusiasm for this music and the consistent delivery were well appreciated by the public. The repeated applause forced the artist to offer not one but two encores. First, Dance for Piano by Zyman, and then, in a more traditional tone, Barcarola, by Ricardo Castro. At the end of concert, Claudia was besieged in the lobby of the theater for many fans who required her autograph. «*

EL NORTE, Alejandro Fernández / Monterrey, México (March 2007)

» *[...] It was a well-structured program, with works of different aesthetics and the premiere of Zyman's Piano Concerto. [...] Claudia Corona showed that she is a first-level pianist, with an admirable technique that smilingly dominated Zyman's traps in a demanding concerto from beginning to end, full of rhythmical pebbles with which anyone may trip over; not the case for Claudia Corona who showed to have stood on familiar ground, as she left the impression that this concert is "well done", a piece she projects to public with a very special joy. Despite the fatigue that Zyman's concerto performance brings, Claudia still gave two encores, one of them as demanding as the concerto itself. And the audience gave her a well-deserved recognition with a cheerful standing ovation. The orchestra became a faithful companion, thanks to the hand of Raul, who took care of every detail for a complete job. [...] «*

El Porvenir.com, Silvino Jaramillo / Cultural, Monterrey, Mexico (March 6, 2007)

» *Foro Internacional de Música Nueva Manuel Enriquez, 2006. These are Samuel Zyman's words at the end the Latin American premiere of his Triple Concerto, "I want to give special recognition to Claudia Corona, because she was not only directly involved from the very beginning in the design and commissioning of the work, but I believe that she was also the main force in securing the scheduling and performance of the piece [.....] I will be permanently grateful to Claudia Corona for that. «*

Radio Educación, Mexico (June 16, 2006)

» *40th Anniversary Concert: Saarlouis Kreis-Symphonie Orchester [...] The star of the evening was undoubtedly the world-class Mexican pianist living in Germany, Claudia Corona. From the first moment of her arrival on stage, this fine young artist, full of radiant energy, captivated her audience. Her playing of the S. Rachmaninoff's Second Concerto showed a fascinating symbiosis between the excellent pianist and an attentive and appropriate accompanying orchestra, sometimes opulent, sometimes subtle. After two encores of most virtuosity offered by the soloist, the enthusiastic applause of the audience up to a standing ovation! [...] «*

Saarbrücker Zeitung / Germany (October 8, 2005)

» *With soloists Abraham Alvarado Vargas and Claudia Corona the public cheered the Queretaro State Philharmonic Orchestra at Palacio de Bellas Artes. [...] The interpretation which undoubtedly provoked a standing ovation in the audience was Maurice Ravel's Concerto for Left Hand performed by Claudia Corona. For Claudia, who plays this concert since she was 14 years old, one does not notice it is only one hand playing, because its melody and arpeggio makes the pianist travel all through the piano. "The difficulty of the work requires the interpreter to invariably assess the ability of a single hand, as Ravel did, who was able to recognize the possibilities of movement and dexterity on the instrument, of which many call weak hand, because sometimes, even musically, it is the least used. «*

INBA, Boletín Num 573 / Mexico (June 8, 2004)

» Claudia Corona and Pascal Rogé with OFUNAM: splendid!

Without a doubt, the most attractive program in the current season of the UNAM Philharmonic Orchestra, was this one [...] held 2 and 3 December, under the conduction of Ronald Zollman, Artistic Director. Attractive not only for the works shown, but for the excellent soloists announced [...] the internationally renowned French pianist Pascal Rogé (an authority precisely in Poulenc), and the beautiful and talented Mexican pianist Claudia Corona Castillo who, recital after recital, is emerging as one of the greatest performers that Mexico will offer to the world in a very near future. [...] Perfect interpretation of this talented artist (supported all the time by Rogé) [...]. «

UNOMASUNO / Mexico (December 12, 2000)