

### **Aleksandra Kaspera (cello)**

Born in 1984 (Riga, Latvia). She graduated in 2008 with a bachelor's degree in cello at the Jazeps Vitols Latvian Music Academy. During her studies she performed numerous solo concertos with the Academy Symphony orchestra. As part of the Socrates Erasmus exchange program she has studied with Professors Jeroen Reuling, Rene Berman, Tineke Steenbrink and Egbert Spelde in the Netherlands. In 2009 she won second prize with accordion player Jevgenijs Pastuhovs in the NOVAM National Accordion Chamber Music Competition. In 2009 she was appointed principal cellist of the ArtEZ Baroque Project, working with Judith and Tineke Steenbrink and the Holland Baroque Society. She made a promotional DVD CASTUS, sponsored by ArtEZ.

Aleksandra has participated in master classes by many renowned musicians, including Maria Kliegel, Gary Hoffman, Gavriel Lipkind, Justus Grimm, Claudio Jacomucci, Aurelia Saxophone Quartet and others. Aleksandra followed an internship at the **Arnhem Philharmonic Orchestra** and **Dutch Symphony Orchestra**. In 2012 she graduated with her master's degree Cum Laude.

Since 2015 Aleksandra plays in the Ensemble *The String Soloists* of the dutch violinist Lisa Jacobs in Amsterdam, with whom recorded both Locatelli and Haydn violin concertos for *Cobra Records*. Regularly appearing on television, radio and in the most important halls in The Netherlands such as Concertgebouw Amsterdam, Paleis Het Loo, Tivoli Vredenburg, De Harmonie Leeuwarden, Stadsgehoorzaal Leiden, Muziekgebouw Eindhoven