



**DARDUST: ACCLAIMED ITALIAN PIANIST, DARDUST
SIGNS EXCLUSIVE DEAL WITH
SONY MUSIC MASTERWORKS & ARTIST FIRST**



New York/Milan, September 09, 2019 - Sony Music Masterworks and Artist First, are delighted to announce the signing of an exclusive contract with the innovative Italian pianist, composer and acclaimed producer, **Dardust**. This is the first joint venture for these two companies.

Known for his minimalist compositions enriched by electronic soundscapes and lush strings, Dardust is proud to be the mastermind behind the first groundbreaking project to showcase instrumental music that combines his exquisite minimal piano sound with the modern electronic sound from Northern Europe. He has more than 40 Platinum albums to his credit as a sought-after producer and composer.

Dardust's name, like his music, is the combination, a hybrid of his influences: a tribute to 'Ziggy Stardust', David Bowie's alter ego, who inspired a legendary imaginary space that endures to these days, as well as the duo 'Dust Brothers' who later became famous as 'The Chemical Brothers' with their debut album *Exit Planet Dust*.

Dardust is active across the Berlin-Reykjavik-London axis and draws inspiration from these world cities having based a successful recording trilogy around them.

Dardust's signature soundworld is where classical music meets electro-ambient. They interplay during his thrilling multi-dimensional live exhibitions that feature fascinating and emotionally charged classical set with captivating electro sounds, all augmented by spectacular visual effects. This makes for a captivating and compelling combination.

Sony Music Masterworks will release Dardust's debut album worldwide in January 2020.

Dardust about this new partnership: *"It a great honour and for me, a huge personal and professional achievement to become part of the Sony Masterworks family. This is the home of my favourite artists including Leonard Bernstein and Glenn Gould, who are both an integral part of my classical upbringing. After working on my first 2 albums in Italy with my management Metatron and INRI/Artist First, we started looking for the right partner to further our connections to international markets, and happily Sony Masterworks displayed the necessary enthusiasm and care, which any artist would desire. It made complete sense for me to become part of this important family who helped me prepare for the next steps on the international stage and where I feel at home. I would like to thank Claudio Ferrante at Artist First and Pietro Camonchia and Paolo Ceresoli at my management company for their fantastic work and making this all possible. I am really looking forward to working with Mark Cavell, Bogdan Roscic and their fantastic team and I thank them all."*

Mark Cavell, Label Head USA & COO International, Sony Music Masterworks commented: *"Dardust's multifaceted work is groundbreaking, creative and exciting and I am thrilled that he has chosen Sony Music Masterworks and our partner, Artist First as his home."*

Claudio Ferrante, CEO & Founder Artist First added: *"Artist First is proud to team-up with Sony Music Masterworks in this venture, thus allowing Dardust's unique style, musical talent and striking personality to be projected onto the world stage. It is an honour to begin our collaboration with Sony with a special artist like Dardust. I would like to express my special thanks to Pietro and Paolo at Metatron, Dardust management, and to Mark Cavell and his team."*

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