



**2021 Ursula Uí Chuinneagáin Bursary
for Young Pianists
Final
Thursday, March 25th, 2021
7.00 pm**

Sponsored by her son Luke Ó Cuinneagáin, this exciting bursary for aspiring young pianists recognises Ursula Uí Chuinneagáin's contribution to the music world in Ireland and her long-standing association with the RIAM. The winner of this coveted award will receive €2000, a perpetual bespoke Waterford Crystal trophy and a solo recital engagement.

Lucy Byrne

L van Beethoven: *Allegro con brio* from Piano Sonata in C Major, Op 53
F Chopin: Ballade No 2 in F Major Op 38
L Liebermann: Gargoyles Op 29 Nos 3 and 4

Lucy Byrne is a 16-year-old pianist from Wexford. She has been studying piano since the age of five, studying with Professor Thérèse Fahy at the Royal Irish Academy of Music for two years now. She is a successful participant of the William Finlay Programme 2020 and is a member of the RIAM Young Artist Programme. She has competed in many competitions, winning numerous prizes. She is looking forward to playing for you all tonight.

Charlotte Croke

JS Bach: *Allegro* from Italian Concerto
J Haydn: *Allegro con brio* from Sonata in D Major Hob XVI:37
F Chopin: Etude Op 10 No 3
PI Tchaikovsky: *October* from The Seasons
S Prokofiev: *Scherzo: Allegro marcato* from Piano Sonata No 2 in D Minor Op 14

Charlotte is 13 years old and is a 1st year student in Mount Anville Secondary School. She has been studying piano at the Royal Irish Academy of Music since she was 6 years old. Charlotte started her studies with Professor Colma Brioscu and now is studying with Professor Réamonn Keary. She has been on continuous scholarship at the Academy for the past 6 years and has also been a member of the RIAM Young Artist Programme. She has won numerous competitions at the Feis Ceoil, in addition to other feiseanna around the country. Charlotte has performed at many venues including the John Field Room, the National Gallery of Ireland and Killruddery House.

Jinlong John Situ

JS Bach: Prelude and Fugue in B-flat Minor BWV 867
F Schubert: Impromptu in E-flat Major Op 90 No 2
F Liszt: Transcendental Etude No 3 S139
S Rachmaninov: Prelude in B-flat Major Op 23 No 2

Jinlong John Situ is a part-time piano student at the RIAM, where he is currently taught by Professor Lance Coburn, having begun his musical journey at the RIAM aged six. He is a former student of David Lee. Jinlong has won

numerous scholarships, many awards and has also been a prize-winner at Feis Ceoil. He has also performed concerts at the RIAM, Trinity College Dublin, the National Concert Hall and Dublin Castle.

Joe O'Grady

S Prokofiev: *Allegro inquieto* Sonata No 7
F Chopin: Etude Op 10 No 4
F Liszt: Hungarian Rhapsody No 6 in D-flat Major

Joe O'Grady has been studying at the Royal Irish Academy of Music since he was six, first as a student of John O'Connor and Alexander Bernstein, and currently as a student of Hugh Tinney. Joe has won numerous first prizes at Feis Ceoil, including the Dorothy Stokes Cup this year and the Patricia Read Cup previously. Joe made his concerto solo debut in Carnegie Hall with New York Concerti Sinfonietta, and in Trinity College Dublin with Royal Irish Academy of Music Chamber Orchestra when he was nine. He also plays violin.

JURY DELIBERATION

During this evening's Jury Deliberation we hear performances pre-recorded by the three previous winners of the Ursula Uí Chuinneagáin Bursary for Young Pianists; Defne Gultoprak, Dida Condria and Joe O'Grady.

Defne Gultoprak

Inaugural Winner of the Ursula Uí Chuinneagáin Bursary for Young Pianists

M Ravel: *Ondine* from Gaspard de la Nuit

Dida Condria

2019 Winner of the Ursula Uí Chuinneagáin Bursary for Young Pianists

J Sibelius: Impromptu No 5 in B Minor Op 5 No 5

Rowel Friers

2019 Winner of the Ursula Uí Chuinneagáin Bursary for Young Pianists

M Glinka arr M Balakirev: The Lark

RESULTS

Members of the Jury

Barry Douglas CBE (Chair)
Ross Lyness
Luke Ó Cuinneagain

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