**Dafydd Chapman biography**

Dafydd is in his first year of masters at the Royal Academy of Music studying Ensemble Piano under Mei-Ting Sun and James Baillieu.

Originally from Cardiff, he spent most of his childhood studying at the Junior Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, where he studied with Nicola Meecham for 9 years.

During his time there, he became the first recipient of the Junior Conservatoire ABRSM Scholarship, won several prizes such as the Junior Conservatoire Prize for Solo Piano and won the Junior Conservatoire Chamber Prize. Most notably at his time there, he won the 2015 Junior Conservatoire Concerto Competition, in which he was given the opportunity to perform Chopin's Concerto No.1 with an orchestra at the conservatoire.
Dafydd has also competed in several competitions including becoming a semifinalist at the Gregynog Young Musician Competition and winning the national Urdd Eisteddfod 3 times. In 2012 and 2017, he also won the Piano Solo and the Repertoire classes at the Mid-Somerset Competitive Festival and also went on to win the Piano Concerto competition there in 2019.

During his time at the Royal Academy of Music, Dafydd has gone on to perform a wide range of chamber and ensemble repertoire and internal competitions, notably, the Harold Craxton prize and performing with Trio Arisonto. In future he hopes to continue to build a successful career as a chamber musician, accompanist, and musical director.

