



Wednesday 27th September - 1:10pm

Cristo Harijan (piano)

Suggested donation £5

Franz Liszt (1811-1886)

Sonnetto 104 del Petrarca, S. 161

Funerailles, S. 173

Sonata in B minor, S. 178



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Cristo Harijan is a 22 year old pianist who has just concluded his final year as an undergraduate studying with Murray Mclachlan at the Royal Northern College of Music, Cristo graduated with a first, receiving the outstanding mark of 94/100 for his final undergraduate recital. Cristo was born in upstate New York, and first started learning piano at the age of 9. After moving to the UK in 2012 he was self-taught until 2014 when he began studying at The Sage Gateshead in the young musicians programme with Nick Butters. Cristo then went to study at the prestigious Chetham's School of Music in Manchester, where he first started having lessons with Dr Mclachlan.

Cristo has extensive performing experience at venues in and around Manchester, as well as in internal and external competitions. In 2020, Cristo was given the highest award in the EPTA competition, in 2022 he performed in the final of the Krogulski international competition in Poland. Cristo also placed 1st in the RNCM's Mark Ray recital prize 2023 after a performance of Liszt's B minor sonata. Following this, he travelled to Verona, Italy to play in the 'Làszlò Spezzaferri music prize' where he placed 3rd in his category.

Cristo will be continuing his studies with the renowned pianist and teacher Pierre Reach at the Ecole Normale de Musique de Paris Alfred Cortot.