



Saturday 24th February - 1:10pm

Vladyslav Kurilets (bassoon), **Mariia Saakian** (piano),
Gabriele Sutkute (piano)

Suggested donation £5

BIOGRAPHIES

Vladislav Kurilets was born Ukraine in 2002. He attended the Ivano Frankivsk Music School in Ukraine where he studied the Bassoon. He continued his studies at the Reinhold Glier Kyiv Municipal College and the Lviv National Academy.

He has won the following competitions: the Spring Symphony 2021 Czech Republic: Razonto di Primavera, Italy Ravenna and the Spring Star fall, Ukraine.

Vladislav has been touring the UK playing in Operas which include Madame Butterfly, Tosca and Carmen as part of the Ukrainian Orchestra.

He is currently studying at the Royal Academy of Music with Robin O'Neill. Vladislav is a member of the Youth Symphony Orchestra and is delighted to be a musician with Talent Unlimited.

Lithuanian pianist **Gabrielė Sutkutė** has already established herself as a musician of strong temperament and "excellent precision and musicality" (Rasa Murauskaitė from "7 days of Art"). She has given many concerts and performed in numerous festivals throughout Europe and appeared in prestigious halls such as the Wigmore Hall, Cadogan Hall, the Steinway Hall UK, the Stoller Hall, the Musikhuset Aarhus and Lithuanian National Philharmonic Hall.

In addition to being a soloist, Gabrielė frequently performs with chamber ensembles and symphony orchestras. In 2023, she performed Grieg's Piano Concerto with the YMSO at the Cadogan Hall, conducted by James Blair. In 2020, she performed Rachmaninov's 2nd Piano Concerto with the Grammy-nominated Kaunas Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Markus Huber, and

was also invited to play with the renowned Kaunas String Quartet in Lithuania twice.

Gabrielė is a winner of twenty international piano competitions where she also received numerous special awards. She was awarded the 1st Prize at the Chappell Medal Piano Competition 2023 and won the 2nd Prize and the Audience Prize at the Birmingham International Piano Competition 2022. She was also the recipient of the prestigious Mills Williams Junior Fellowship 2022/23 and is currently an artist at Talent Unlimited. For her musical achievements, Gabrielė received Lithuanian Republic Presidents' certificates of appreciation six times.

From 2016-22, she had been studying with Professor Christopher Elton and received her Bachelor of Music Degree (First Class Honours) and Master of Arts Degree with Distinction from the Royal Academy of Music. Gabrielė graduated from the Artist Diploma course at the Royal College of Music in July 2023, where she had been studying with Professor Vanessa Latache and Professor Sofya Gulyak.



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