

Alena Bulatetskaya

Alena Bulatetskaya is an accordion player from Rostov-on-Don, Russia. Currently she is in her second year of Master Accordion Performance in the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, where she is studying with Djordje Gajic. Alena studied music at the Sviridov's Music School and at the Specialist Music College for gifted children with Oxana Klevleeva. She also studied for five years at the Rostov State Conservatory "Sergei Rachmaninov" under the guidance of Professor Liudmila Varavina.

Alena has a busy performing career both as a soloist and a chamber musician. In 2015 she was appointed as soloist with the Rostov State Philharmonic Orchestra. Alena started to play with violonist Huixin Hu, when she was an Erasmus exchange student in 2017. This "Twogether Duo" won first Walcer Prize in the RCS in 2017 and third prize in the International Accordion Competition in Vilnius (Lithuania) in 2019.

Between 2004 and 2019 Alena Bulatetskaya has participated in more than forty music competitions, taking place in Italy, Switzerland, Armenia, Ukraine and Russia. Amongst her achievements are eighteen first prizes and five Grand-Prixes.

Since January 2020 Alena has joined Live Music Now Scotland, where she performs as a soloist as well as a chamber musician.

Alexia Daphne Eleftheriadou

Alexia Daphne Eleftheriadou is a Greek pianist, born in Thessaloniki in 1997. At the age of 19 she graduated from the New Conservatory of Thessaloniki under Professor Nikos Zafranias, being awarded her Piano Diploma with grade "Excellent" and first prize. She has attended masterclasses and private lessons with pianists including Grigory Gruzman, Piers Lane, Ian Jones, Roy Howat, Artur Pizarro, Ronald Brautigam and Paul Komen.

She is currently in the third year of her studies at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, under the tutelage of Jonathan Plowright and Fali Pavri. As a student there, she has been awarded prizes in the following competitions: Bach Prize for Harpsichord, Piano and Organ (first prize), Classical Concerto Competition (first prize), A Ramsay Calder Debussy Prize for Keyboard (second prize). She has given recitals at the Thessaloniki Piano Festival and at the Piano Festival of the Greek National Opera. Next year she will be performing Beethoven's Third Piano Concerto with the RCS Symphony Orchestra.

Rhea Fitzgerald

Nine-year-old pianist and violinist, Rhea Fitzgerald loves Lego, reading, swimming, skiing and most of all, music. In her own words, 'Music is fun and enjoyable. Making music makes me happy'. Rhea learned with excellent teachers, beginning piano lessons with David Sced at the age of five and continuing with Peter Evans since 2018. A memorable holiday in Vienna inspired her to take up the violin before her seventh birthday, studying with Uli Evans. Her teachers are an invaluable source of inspiration, instruction, information and enthusiasm.

In 2019, Rhea won both the Junior Challenge Medal for piano in the Edinburgh Competition Festival and the James Waterhouse Piano Competition foundation class. She has been a member of the NYOS Juniors violin section since 2019 and successfully auditioned for the 2020 season. Rhea also greatly enjoys being a member of the first violin section of the advanced orchestra of the Benedetti Foundation.

Chun-Yi Kang

Chun-Yi Kang started learning violin at the age of 6 with Mrs Sieglinda Bucher. She then went on to learn with Ms Jane Ferguson at Mosshead Primary School. Now 15 years old and attending Douglas Academy, Chun-Yi studies at the Junior Royal Conservatoire of Scotland with Professor Andrea Gajic, who has been her teacher for over four years. She has attended RCS Juniors since 2016, and got the opportunity to play Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto with the Symphony Orchestra in December 2018. In the same year, she joined the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain at the age of 13.

Chun-Yi has been awarded prizes including the Hugh S Robertson Trophy as well as the Grace Dick Memorial Award in 2018. She has taken part in masterclasses with Nicola Benedetti, Renaud Capuçon, and David Watkin. Chun-Yi also plays piano and was the winner of the ABRSM Lindsay Lamb Memorial Bursary 2017 for her Grade 8 exam.