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Saturday 24th July 2021

Pijus Jonusas and Kanako Mizuno

Programme

Mozart Violin Sonata No.26 in B flat major, K378
Brahms Violin Sonata No.3 in D minor, Op.108

Biography

Pijus Jonusas was born in 1991 in Vilnius, Lithuania where he began his music studies at the age of five. After graduating from the National M.K.Ciurlionis School of Art, where he studied with Rusne Mataityte, he went to study with Peter Brunt at the Royal Conservatoire in The Hague, The Netherlands. He obtained a master's degree from the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester where he studied with Pavel Fischer, Gina McCormack, and Callum Smart. Pijus is a keen chamber musician and has collaborated with such artists as Magnus Johnston, Guy Johnston, John Ryan, Timothy Ridout, Abel Salaocoe, and others. Pijus plays the second violin in the Freeman String Quartet.

Japanese born pianist **Kanako Mizuno** has achieved some remarkable feats in her young career. Successful as both soloist and accompanist, UK based Mizuno has got a Global Talent Visa in the UK and has been awarded numerous prizes and scholarships in recognition of her skilful piano playing. Winning placements include; the Kamakura City Student Music Competition, Japan Player's Competition, the Young Artist Piano Competition, Le Brillant French Music Competition, Tokyo Piano Competition and Japan Classical Music Competition.

Other notable achievements include; participating in the Dartington International Summer School and Festival, for which she received a full scholarship. Mizuno premiered Laura Bowler's composition in Salford Cathedral with musicians from the BBC philharmonic orchestra in May 2018. She was selected as a winner of the Gold Medal at the RNCM in 2019.

Kanako obtained her BMus from the Toho Gakuen School of Music, before moving to the UK where, as a scholarship student, she studied at the Royal Northern College of Music. She has just finished her Professional Diploma Course at the Royal Academy of Music. Mizuno has received lessons from Yukiko Hibiya, Katsurako Mikami, Colin Stone, Amandine Savary.