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Online Concert

Saturday 26th June 2021

Ethan David Loch – Piano

Programme

J.S. Bach (1685-1750) – Partita No.1 in B_b major, BWV 825

- i) *Praeludium*
- ii) *Allemande*
- iii) *Corrente*
- iv) *Sarabande*
- v) *Menuet*
- vi) *Giga*

Franz Schubert (1797-1828) - Impromptu No.3 in G flat major, Op.90

Frédéric Chopin (1810-1849) - Sonata No.3 in B Minor, Op.58

- i) *1st Movement*
- iv) *4th Movement*

Gluck/Sgambati - “Dance of the Blessed Spirits”

Audience Impromptu Surprise

Biography

Ethan was born in 2004 and diagnosed completely blind since birth. As a toddler, he would explore the piano for hours imitating his first inspiration, Rowlf the piano-playing dog from the Muppet Show. His other inspiration, the DVD “Horowitz in Vienna”, he played relentlessly.

His formal piano lessons began at age 4 with his mother, but he now studies with Fali Pavri (Royal Conservatoire of Scotland). He has been composing since early childhood and loves to tell imaginative stories in his compositions.

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Ethan's first major concert was at a Music in Lanark event where he also debuted his first major composition work, "Wallace at Lanark" illustrating the life of Scottish hero William Wallace.

Ethan was the focus of a BBC radio documentary called "Batman and Ethan". The central message of the documentary was the freedom a blind child can experience through working with the talented teacher of the blind, Daniel Kish.

In 2016 Ethan was awarded his first major International Award from the Vatican. He received the Premio Asoluto prize at the 15th International "Giuseppe Sciacca" awards in Rome for his ability to create music "full of colours" as an inspiration to all.

In 2017 Ethan won the 7th James Waterhouse Loretto Piano Competition "Advanced" class. As part of that prize, he performed at Steinway Hall in London.

Ethan has twice participated in the wonderful Festival of Chopin in Mazovia, Poland. He won the 3rd and then the 4th categories. He performed at Chopin's house and later for the Warsaw Music Society.

Ethan was a finalist in the EPTA Belgium International Piano Competition in 2018.

In 2019 Ethan received his ATCL (Associate of Trinity College London) with distinction and then in 2020 his LTCL (Licentiate of Trinity College London) also with distinction.

In July 2019, Ethan won the Scottish International Youth Piano Competition as part of the Moray Prize at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland.

Ethan's first CD, "Mysterious Pathways Volume One", was featured on Classic FM and on a Canadian Broadcasting Corporation radio documentary featuring his collaboration with the Canadian artist Tony Luciani who painted the cover image.

Ethan's Second CD, "Mysterious Improvisations 2020", is a selection of 18 improvisations created during his weekly lockdown Saturday YouTube concerts.

<https://www.youtube.com/c/EthanDavidLoch>

He has made two TV appearances to date. The first was on the One Show, and the second in May 2018 on the ITV show Little Big Shots, where he enjoyed chatting to Dawn French and performing both on his own and as a duet with young Romanian singer and harpist Daria.