Christos Fountos Biography

Christos Fountos has recently won the 3rd Prize and the Chamber Music Prize at the prestigious 65th Busoni International Piano Competition in Italy.

He was born in Nicosia, Cyprus in 1997. He started taking piano lessons at the age of 5 under the tutelage of Prof. Gospodinoff. At age 16, he graduated from the National Conservatory of Cyprus with Highest Distinction and a year later he performed Shostakovich's Piano Concerto no.2 in his debut, with the Cyprus Symphony Orchestra.

At age 18, Christos started studying under pianist Philip Fowke at Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance in London for his BMus in Performance. He graduated in 2019 with top marks and numerous awards for excellence in piano and harpsichord. He completed his Master's degree (MMus in Performance) in 2021 and Artist Diploma in 2022, studying with full scholarship under Martino Tirimo and Sergio de Simone at the same institution, where he has completed a two-year P.Carne Junior Fellowship in Chamber Music.

As a soloist, he has completed a cycle of all the Rachmaninoff Concertos and he has also performed Prokofiev 3rd, Beethoven 3rd, Tchaikovsky 1&2 and Ravel in G with various orchestras in the UK and abroad.

An active chamber musician, as the pianist of the Waldstein Trio he has performed across England and in Canada, Malta, Austria (Musikverein Brahms Saal, Mozarteum), Germany (Beethoven's House Bonn), USA (Carnegie Hall Weill Room - New York City) and Cyprus. Additionally, he has been in collaboration with the Canadian composer Rodney Sharman, the Simply Quartet, the cellist Raphael Wallfisch in recitals and the Centre of Cypriot Composers.

Despite his focus on classical music, he also enjoys free improvisation and his performances in other genres of music — in collaboration with musicians of jazz, folk, rock and Greek traditional/20th Century popular music.

Christos is a "Young Artist" of The Worshipful Company of Musicians of the City of London and Silver Medal recipient.

Besides music, he is passionate about poetry.