

## **PROFILE**

## HANK XIANG, Pianist in the 2018 Australian National Piano Award 3 - 8 September

Hank Xiang graduated from the Sydney Conservatorium with a Bachelor of Music (Honours) in 2012, studying with Dr Paul Rickard-Ford. Taking keen interest in Russian music, his honours dissertation examined Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition* in relation to the compositions of the New Russian Nationalist School, led by the composers of the so-called 'Mighty Handful', in the late nineteenth century.

He is now furthering his studies at the Rimsky-Korsakov State Conservatory in Saint Petersburg – in the class of Nina Seryogina until 2017, and presently with Miroslav Kultyshev.

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