



PROFILE

RACHAEL SHIPARD, Pianist in the 2018 Australian National Piano Award 3 -8 September

Twenty-one year old Brisbane resident, Rachael Shipard, graduated from her Bachelor of Music (Advanced Performance) in 2016 *summa cum laude* with the University Medal from Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University. She is presently undertaking her Masters of Music Research under the tutelage of Natasha Vlassenko. Recently Rachael was invited to perform at the Canberra International Music Festival and was a prize-winner at the Lev Vlassenko Piano Competition.

Rachael was selected and sponsored by the Conservatorium to attend the Moscow Conservatory Winter School in early 2018. She won the Queensland Piano Competition and made her concerto debut in 2015, plus winner of numerous Conservatorium academic and performance awards; including the prestigious 2017 Theme and Variations Foundation Scholarship and the Ena Williams Award for Postgraduate Study Overseas.

She frequently gives recitals and has had masterclasses with pianists Roger Woodward, Peter Donohoe, Alexander Strukov, Peter Hill, Roy Howat, Piers Lane, Vladimir Tropp and Gil Garburg. Rachael is also passionate about piano duo, chamber and sacred music, and she hopes to enrich the lives of others with the music she brings to a wide range of audiences.

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