

MELISSA HARRISON

PIANIST

Personal Profile

Classical/Contemporary Grade 8 pianist, A confident and diligent performer with experience in music composition and music videography production. Recently having collaborated with various video directors, photographers and artists for my debut track that is due to be released this year.

Skills

Music Performance
Music Composition
Piano Accompaniment
;Music Video
Modelling
Music Consultancy
Improvisation
Fast Learner
Team work
Time management

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Education/Grades

Royal College of Music

Piano Grade 1-5
Theory 2

Trinity College of Music

Piano Grades 6-8

Creative Background

Concorde 2 Brighton

December 2018

As part of my university's end of year music showcase with British institute of Modern Music (BIMM), I performed in a five piece rock band with a crowd of 400 guests. Even though I had to learn the song in a very short period of time, I successfully delivered an exceptional performance in the rehearsal and on the night of the event whilst keeping a positive and professional attitude. This event broadened my style in music and gained skills of improvisation and learning material in a short notice. I thoroughly enjoyed playing live and collaborating with the band.

Sevenoaks Music Festival

Awarded "Distinction" on 17th June 2011
Walthamstow Hall School, Independent Day School for Girls, Sevenoaks Kent.

Performance at Walthamstow Hall School in 2011. I was a competitor at this festival at 16 years of age. This included seven other competitors. I performed Burgmuller's 'Morning Bells' which I thoroughly enjoyed playing and in my feedback, it was documented that the performance was thoughtful, detailed and expressive. I really connected Burgmuller's musical expression.

Maidstone Music Festival

Invicta Grammar School - awarded Merit

26th November 2011

Attended Maidstone Music Festival 2007, performing Bjelinski piece 'Alarm'. It was written in my feedback that this was played with great energy and stage presence.

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Invicta Grammar School - awarded Merit

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In the same year, I performed at the Maidstone Music Festival in 2007 and was awarded with a Merit certificate. I played Chopin's "Mazurka in A minor" a graceful and elegant waltz which I enjoyed performing. It definitely sparked my imagination to explore more of Chopin's work.

Maidstone Music Festival

Invicta Grammar School -Merit

22nd June 2008

Performed at Maidstone Music Festival awarded with a Merit Certificate on my performance of "Prelude in F" by J.S. Bach.

At this time I enjoyed exploring the work of J.S. Bach and Mozart and the flair they brought to their music, in particular, the way they used symmetrical patterns in the left and right hand parts in their pieces.

Studio experience, and Music videography

Goldsmiths Recording Studio, London

September 2018

December 2018

Recorded my Piano Compositions at Goldsmiths Studio London, Including my debut piano track 'Remember Me' which I plan to release this year, followed by several other recordings as part of the piano album 'Afterlife'.

I worked closely and diligently with my sound engineer to create the best studio environment and sound for the recording. Also, the visual aspect of the live room and the way it looked on film. I collaborated with them in the studio with the editing. I had a vision as to how I wanted my pieces to sound and made the necessary arrangements to achieve this by experimenting with reverb, acoustics and mixing with an innovative approach.

Pushkin House, London

November 2018

Music Videos

'Remember Me'

'A Thousand Years

"Dreamscapes"

Filmed three music videos consecutively at Pushkin House London. I worked alongside my music video director/photographer to bring the visual content of my music to life. This was a six hour shoot day which involved costume/makeup changes and a high demand of energy and consistency whilst maintaining a positive and professional attitude during the filming and bringing a capturing stage presence to music video.

Deptford Town Hall

November 2018

The promotional photography for my music video content included a photo shoot at Deptford Town Hall, a historic 1905 building. A location that I thought had potential and was the right aesthetics of the shoot. I worked with the same music video director as Pushkin House who directed the session. In the short time frame, we had we successfully together achieved some strong images and hit the goals we planned out during the six hours shoot.

