

Biography



Tomonari Tsuchiya, born in Tokyo in 1987, began his piano studies at the age of six with Vicky Goon Menliew and later with Shane Thio from Singapore Symphony Orchestra. Soon after he entered Royal Irish Academy of Music in Dublin at the age of fourteen with a full scholarship, he started to win prizes at both national and international competitions and gave his first recital in front of the Irish President at her residence and Russian Federation Embassy in Limerick.

He currently holds fourteen prizes including the 3rd prize International Piano Competition Named after S.V. Rachmaninov in Veliky Novgorod, Russia and 2nd prize Kawai Asia International Piano Competition in Hong Kong.

Since then, he has been giving recitals ranging from charity concerts to various church lunch time recitals including St. Martin's in the Field, Schott's at Great Marlborough, Garrick Club in London, Russian Cultural Centre (for the Russian Ambassador), Malacca, M.K.Joyworks in Petaling Jaya, Tawau, No Black Tie, Plenary theatre in Kuala Lumpur and recently performed in Osaka, Japan.

Tomonari has attended master classes with some of the most renowned pianists and professors in Europe. They are Pavel Nersessian, Pascal Roge, Edmond Battersby, Andrei Pisarev, Christopher Elton, Stefania Passamonte, Emanuel Krasovsky and Boris Berman. They have been a big influence in his development as a concert pianist.

In 2005, Tomonari graduated from the Royal Irish Academy with honours. He studied with Professor Deirdre Doyle while he was there. He continued his studies in France with Russian Pianist, Roustem Saitkoulov and also at Ecole Normale de Music in Paris with Prof. France Clidat where he was awarded 3rd prize Hubert de Luze Loris Talmart.

After Paris, Tomonari moved to London where he expanded his repertoire even more with eminent music professor, Benjamin Kaplan. He then further extended his studies at Guildhall School of Music with Martin Roscoe, Noriko Ogawa and Peter Bithell. He graduated with honours in Master of Performance in 2014 from Guildhall, London.

Currently, Tomonari resides in Kuala Lumpur giving solo recitals, master classes, accompaniment as well as chamber music in collaboration with other musicians.