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Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2026 1:45pm – 2:30pm

## Outstanding Young Pianists

Sophia Sutherley, Ling Zhu, Kairui Guo and Julie Zhang

### Programme

<b>Sophia Sutherley</b>	<b>Haydn</b>	Sonata in F major Hob.XVI:23 2nd Movement Adagio
	<b>Schubert</b>	Impromptu Op. 90, No.2, in E flat major
	<b>Chopin</b>	3 Écossaises, Op. 72
	<b>Chopin</b>	Fantaisie-Impromptu in C# minor
<b>Ling Zhu</b>	<b>Bach</b>	Prelude and Fugue No.9, Bk1, in E major, BWV854
	<b>Chopin</b>	Impromptu Op. 36, No.2, in F# major
<b>Kairui Guo</b>	<b>Bach</b>	Prelude and Fugue No. 3, Bk1, C# Major BWV848
	<b>Mendelssohn</b>	Andante and Rondo Capriccioso, Op.14
<b>Julie Zhang</b>	<b>Stravinsky</b>	Three movements from Petrushka
		i. Danse Russe (Russian Dance)
		ii. Chez Pétrouchka (Petrushka's Room)
		iii. La semaine grasse (The Shrovetide Fair)

### Biographies

**Sophia Sutherley** is 12 years old and started playing the piano during Covid lockdown age 7. She is in her third year at Chetham's School of Music and is a pupil of Mr. Simon Bottomley. In her spare time Sophia enjoys playing the organ in her local church.

**Ling Zhu** is 12 years old and has been studying piano for 5 years. She is currently under the tutelage of Mr. Simon Bottomley, at Chetham's School of Music. Ling has won prizes in a Scherzo Piano Competition and Music Festivals in Hastings and Hazel Grove.

**Kairui Guo** was born in China and moved to the UK in 2017. He began learning piano at six with his mother and joined Chetham's in 2022. He studied with Mrs. Taylor for two years and now learns with Mr. Bottomley. At 17, he continues to grow as a pianist with focus and curiosity.

**Julie Zhang** was born in 2008 and started learning piano at the age of 5. At age 6, she achieved ABRSM Grade 5 with distinction. In 2016, she entered Chetham's School of Music, studying piano under Mr. Simon Bottomley. In 2018, Julie achieved Distinction for the ATCL Diploma. Just one year

later in 2019, she achieved a high distinction for the LTCL diploma, also the Second Prize in Category 2 for the EPTA International Piano Competition. And finally, she achieved the FTCL Diploma. Julie has also won many online competitions. Her repertoire stretches from Baroque to Modern music. Julie particularly enjoys the Romantic Period, especially the sheer beauty of Chopin. Julie also enjoys chamber music and piano concertos.

**Next week's concert** – Voluta String Quartet