



GARY BEECHER: Winner of the Irish Freemasons Young Musician of the Year in 2014.

Gary began his study of the piano under the guidance of Susan Čáp in the CIT Cork School of Music (CSM), and is presently studying with Jan Čáp (CSM) and John O'Connor. He is currently in Year 4 of the CSM's BMus course, and was accepted by the Universität der Künste, Berlin, to study with Jacques Rouvier for Year 3 of his BMus Course as part of an Erasmus Exchange.

At Feis Ceoil, Dublin, Gary won the Esposito Cup and the Elsner Cup for piano and string duo with Sinéad O'Halloran (cello) in 2013. In 2014 Gary won the Mabel Swainson Pianoforte Award, and was invited to perform two recitals during August 2014 – one in the National Concert Hall's John Field Room and the other at the Clondeboye Estate, Belfast. Gary was also invited to perform in the NCH for the annual Feis Ceoil Gala Concert on several occasions. Gary was the winner of both the CSM's Piano Accompaniment and Advanced Recital Competitions. He was also selected to perform and record music by the Czech composer Martinu, for RTE Lyric FM.

In 2010 Gary was selected to take part in the William Finlay Programme for Gifted Young Pianists under the auspices of the Dublin International Piano Competition, and has complemented his studies with masterclasses with such distinguished pianists as Phillippe Cassard, Boris Petrushansky, Finghin Collins, Barry Douglas, Christopher Elton, Pavel Nersessian, and Ewa Poblocka.

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