

Masterclass – with Charles Owen

Friday May 24th

12.30pm -14.30pm

Ludlow Assembly Rooms

Charles Owen, our recitalist from Thursday evening returns to pass on his knowledge and skills to young pianists as they play their chosen works.

Bohan Chen (Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama)

From Ravel: *Tombeau de Couperin*

After playing piano for 18 years, completing a bachelor's degree in music and acquiring 4 years' teaching experience, Bohan Chen is now studying piano performance at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama with Alison Bowring. During this time, he has expanded his repertoire (focusing mainly on the music of Beethoven and Ravel) participated in masterclasses with Louis Lortie and Llŷr Williams, studied the fundamentals of harpsichord, and been involved in a performance of Stravinsky's 'Ebony' Concerto.

Mario Bobotsov (Royal Birmingham Conservatoire)

Rachmaninoff: *Second sonata, 1st movement*

Mario Bobotsov graduated from the National School of Music in Sofia, Bulgaria where he started his piano education at the age of six. He is studying for a bachelor's degree in piano at Royal Conservatoire in Birmingham, UK with a full scholarship. He is a prize winner in many National and International competitions and has participated in a number of Masterclasses.

Yuxin Du (Royal Northern College of Music)

Schubert: *A Major Sonata D.664*

Yuxin Du is currently pursuing a master's degree in performance at the Royal Northern College of Music under the mentorship of Benjamin Frith (playing at Ludlow Piano Festival himself with Heidi Rolfe just after the masterclass!). Before her studies in the UK, she achieved success in several competitions in China, highlighting her exceptional talent and commitment to music.