

ELIZA MCCARTHY

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BACKGROUND: Born in Philadelphia, Eliza began training as a pianist and a flutist at age 8. She now specializes in performing 20th century, contemporary, experimental and prepared piano music working closely with long established as well as emerging composers. She is a member of Birmingham based contemporary ensemble Decibel and Ireland's foremost contemporary music ensemble Crash Ensemble.

TEACHING

POSTS:

2017-Present	University of Birmingham, Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction for Performing Artists
2015-Present	GSMD, Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction for Performing Artists
2014-Present	GSMD, Contemporary Piano tutor
2014-Present	GSMD, Musicianship tutor to drama students
2013-2017	Blackheath Conservatoire, piano tutor

EDUCATION:

2010-2011	Guildhall School of Music and Drama, Artists Fellowship
2007-2009	Guildhall School of Music and Drama, MMus
2003-2007	Guildhall School of Music and Drama, BMus (Hons) First Class
1997-2003	Yehudi Menuhin School of Music, Surrey, England
1993-1997	Nelly Berman School of Music, Haverford, Pennsylvania

PRIZES

AND AWARDS:

2017	Fellow of Higher Education Academy
2013	British Contemporary Piano Competition-First Prize Winner
2008/09	Park Lane Group Young Artist
2003	Wallace Curzon Award
2000	Brackenbury Prize for Composition
1997	Winner of the Ambler Symphony Orchestra Competition
1997	Tri-County Competition - Winner Junior Piano - Winner Junior Winds
1997	Finalist of the Philadelphia Orchestra Competition

RECENT PERFORMANCES AND RESIDENCIES

- Residency at Snape Maltings composing 'Breath Box' with Jo Wills, a piece for piano and electronics
- HAVEN Festival, Copenhagen – Performing Hans Abrahamsen's *Schnee* with Crash Ensemble
- CrashLands Tour – 20th anniversary tour with Crash Ensemble premiering 20 new commissions
- Philip Glass' *Music in 12 Parts*, Barbican Hall
- *London Contemporary Music Festival 2016* – performing works by Julius Eastman
- DEEP ∞ MINIMALISM festival – performing works by Mica Levi and Andrew Hamilton
- *Principal Sound* festival, St. John's Smith Square – solo recital performing works by John Luther Adams, Cassandra Miller and Horatiu Radulescu
- *David Byrne's Meltdown Festival* – Solo recital, Royal Festival Hall
- *Dong Aitken's Station to Station* at the Barbican Centre performing new works by Mica Levi
- Barbican residency performing piano works by John Cage for the exhibition *The Bride and the Bachelors: Duchamp with Cage, Rauschenberg and Johns*.
- Kettle's Yard New Music Series performing music for prepared piano and works by 20th Century composers
- Wigmore Hall solo recital. Performing music by 20th Century American composers
- St James Piccadilly solo recital performing music by 20th Century American composers
- George Crumb Immersion at the Barbican performing *Makrokosmos Vol. I*.
- Sounds New Contemporary Music Festival, Canterbury Kent.
- Park Lane Group Young Artists Series 2008/09 at the Purcell Room and St Martin in the Fields
- American Pioneer Series: John Adams – Pre LSO Recital performing Phrygian Gates, Barbican Hall.
- Judith Weir: *Telling the Tale* – Pre LSO Recital performing *The King of France*.
- Reich @ 70 Festival – Performing Music for 18 Musicians, Piano Phase and Proverb.
- Barbican Centre, Purcell Room, Festival Hall, Roundhouse, Café OTO, Vortex Jazz Club, St John's Smith Square, Queen Elizabeth Hall, Windsor Castle, Catskills Festival (New York).

TEACHERS

MASTER CLASSES

AND COLLABORATORS:

John Adams, Harrison Birtwistle, George Crumb, Joe Cutler, Laurence Crane, Tansy Davies, Nicolai Demidenko, Donnacha Dennehy, Andrew Hamilton, Rolf Hind, Byron Janis, Mica Levi, James MacMillan, Cassandra Miller, Alec Maslov, Stephen Montague, Sarah Nicolls, Ruth Nye, Ronan O'Hora, Camden Reeves, Paul Roberts, Mstislav Rostropovich, Andras Schiff, Daniel Stroup, Judith Weir

RELEASES:

Slow Dark Green Murky Waterfall with Mica Levi (2018) - Slip
Peace and Riding Through Drinking Harpo Dine, music by Mica Levi (2017) - Foom
E – Solo LP (2012) – Self release
A Dream Life of Hackney Marshes (2013) – Jetsam – Clay Pipe Music
Disruption (2011) *Tides* (2009) – Jetsam – WW Records