

Christopher Churcher

Christopher Churcher (b.2004) is one of Britain's most prolific and exciting young composers. Described as 'a remarkable talent' by David Hill, Christopher's accomplished body of works is earning him a national reputation for its striking aesthetics and captivating musical language. Drawing from the contemporary traditions of composers such as John Adams, Julia Wolfe, Nico Muhly, and Caroline Shaw, Christopher is charting a unique course in contemporary classical music. One that embraces organic structures, delicate timbres, and a communicative harmonic language.

Christopher has rapidly established an impressive portfolio, particularly given his age, working with some of Europe's leading choirs, orchestras and chamber ensembles including VOCES8, The Bach Choir, the Consone Quartet and the Southbank Sinfonia. His compositions have been performed internationally, and have featured in venues ranging from Cadogan Hall and St. John's Smith Square in London, to Hereford Cathedral and the chapel of All Soul's College, Oxford. Notably, his music has recently received attention across the Atlantic, leading to collaborations with American ensembles such as the Delaware Choral Scholars.

Decorated with over a dozen national awards for his music, Christopher won the 2021 Benslow Young Composers' Competition, adjudicated by Judith Weir, before winning the Sir David Willcocks Carol Competition later that year. His string quartet *Arborescent* also won his category of National Centre for Early Music Young Composer's Award in 2022, and was subsequently broadcast on BBC Radio 3. In October 2022, he also commenced his undergraduate studies in music at Lady Margaret Hall, University of Oxford, where he sings with Somerville College Choir, Schola Cantorum of Oxford and composes for ensembles across the city.

During his downtime, Christopher enjoys exploring art and poetry, going for morning runs and continuing his quest for the perfect cup of coffee. He's a fan of folk artists like Fergus McCreadie Karine Polwart, and The Staves; his favourite colour is blue, and his favourite film is *Lady Bird* (2017).

Christopher's website is www.christopherchurcher.com.