

PROFILE Pianist Kathy Chow (22yrs)

Kathy Chow is competing in 2016 Australian National Piano Award

5-10 September

Kathy Chow graduated with first class Honours in piano performance at the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music, studying with Glenn Riddle. She has performed at venues including the Melbourne Recital Centre, Iwaki Auditorium and the Government Ballroom of Western Australia, and has participated in masterclasses with Joanna MacGregor and Steven Osborne.

Kathy was selected to perform in the art installation *Stop, Repair, Prepare: Variations on* Ode to Joy *for Prepared Piano (2008)* by New York artists Allora and Calzadilla, presented by Kaldor Public Art Projects at the State Library of Victoria in 2012. In 2014 Kathy won first prize in the Boorandara Eistedfodd Piano Concerto Award with her performance of Rachmaninoff's Second Piano Concerto with the Zelman Memorial Symphony at the Hawthorn Town Hall. In the same year she was invited to perform in the Beethoven Marathon Concert held at the Government Ballroom of Western Australia. Kathy has been a finalist of the Melbourne Recital Centre Great Romantics Competition twice, and a semi-finalist in the 2015 Australian Youth Classical Competition. She recently won 1st prize in the Music Society of Victoria's Hephzibah Menuhin Competition and was a finalist in the 3MBS Young Performer of the Year Award 2015.

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