

## **PROFILE**

## JOSHUA HOOKE, Pianist in the 2018 Australian National Piano Award 3 - 8 September

Originally from Wonthaggi Victoria, Joshua Hooke is currently completing Masters of Music Performance at the University of Melbourne on scholarship, under the guidance of Professor Ian Holtham, and has also undertaken periods of intensive study in Vienna with Paul Badura-Skoda, and in London with Imogen Cooper

In addition to performances throughout Australia, Joshua has performed in Europe and the UK. He has performed at various festivals and series, including as the Port Fairy Spring Music Festival, as a laureate of the International Piano Seminar of Óbidos (Portugal) and the Melba Hall Lunch Hour Series, as well as performances at Victorian Parliament House and the Australian Club. As a keen chamber musician, he has performed with Australian soprano Greta Bradman, and has given award-winning chamber music performances for the Music Society of Victoria as well as world premieres of new Australian works. Josh has had performances broadcast on, Antena 2, ABC Classic FM and 774 as well as the MBS radio network.

Joshua has performed as both soloist and orchestral pianist with a number of orchestras including The University of Melbourne Symphony Orchestra and Hopkins Sinfonia, and in 2015 he was selected as soloist for the UMSO's Chancellor's Concert Series in Sydney. He has worked with conductors such as Benjamin Northey, Fabian Russell, Brett Dean and Richard Davis.

He has been a finalist and prize-winner in a number of competitions, including the Antena 2/SIPO prize, the Melbourne Recital Centre's Great Romantics Competition and the Australian National Piano Award (where he also received the Peoples' Choice Award). He has won a number of awards and scholarships, including being recipient of A Victorian Premier's Award for Music and the Melbourne Conservatorium's Lady Turner Prize

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