



AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL **PIANO** AWARD

## **Profile**

### **Will Schmidt, Pianist**

#### **Finalist in 2014 Australian National Piano Award (8-13 September)**

William James Schmidt studied piano performance with Glenn Riddle at the University of Melbourne, and with Dr Johannes Kropfitch in Vienna at the Konservatorium Wien, completing his Master of Music in 2011. He has recorded live for major radio stations in Australia and California, as soloist, chamber musician, and associate artist for singers, and was the featured composer for the Camberwell Music Society's 2011 concert series.

His competition successes include first prizes in the Australian Youth Piano Recital, the National Pharmacies Piano Concerto Competition, the Musical Society of Victoria's David Henkels Award for composition, and the Grainger Composition Prize. In 2004 William was awarded LMusA, and was subsequently awarded the Victorian Music Teachers Association's Kault Prize.

Other awards include the Australian Music Foundation's Inaugural Guy Parsons Award, the Australian National Piano Award Travelling Scholarship, and University of Melbourne scholarships including the Katherine Kearns Award, the Sir Rupert Hamer Arts Scholarship, the Eric and Linda Jullyan Memorial Scholarship, the Ronald William Capon Prize, the Ormond Exhibition, the Maude Harrington Prize and the McConnan Memorial Trust.

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