

Benjamin Carter

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Benjamin Carter is a New Zealand pianist and cellist based in London. He studies at the Royal College of Music as an ABRSM scholar, learning piano with Professor Vanessa Lata arche and cello with Professor Richard Harwood.

In 2026, he won the Villafranca International Piano Competition in Verona, Italy, receiving all special prizes. He was also awarded Third Prize and the Best Interpretation of a Chinese Work Award at the 5th Zhuhai International Mozart Competition for Young Musicians, where he performed Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 21 with the Salzburg Chamber Soloists.

Benjamin first performed with the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra in 2021, playing the first movement of Grieg's Piano Concerto under James Judd. He has since appeared with the orchestra on both piano and cello, and gave a piano recital for its 75th anniversary in 2022. He has extensive performing experience, giving recitals in concert halls in New Zealand, Australia, China, and across Europe.

As a cellist, he won First Prize at the 2022 New Zealand Young Performing Arts Awards and served as Principal Cellist of the NZSO National Youth Orchestra in 2021 and 2023.

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