Haru Ushikusa Kumi Matsuo DUO

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Haru Ushikusa Violinist

Kumi Matsuo was born in Tokyo, Japan and graduated from the Toho Gakuen High School of Music; and the Toho Gakuen University of Music in Tokyo. In 2007 she moved to London to study at the Royal College of Music where she gained an Artist Diploma and a Masters of Music in Performance. Kumi studied piano with Jyoko Gondo, Mikhail Voskresensky, John Blakely and Ashley Wass..

In 2008 Kumi gave her London debut playing Ravel's Piano Concerto for Left Hand in Cadogan Hall with RCM Sinfonietta conducted by Peter Stark. She is also the winner of the 5th Louisiana International Piano Competition in 2013, Third Prize at the 22nd Ferrol International Piano Competition in 2008 and First Prize and the title of Competition Laureate at the 6th Isidor Bajic International Piano Competition in 2012. An accomplished concert pianist, Kumi has played with orchestras such as Tokyo Symphony Orchestra, Galicia Symphony Orchestra, and Rapides Symphony Orchestra. HARU USHIGUSA, a young Japanese violinist, has performed as a soloist and chamber musician across the UK and Japan. Haru graduated with a first class Bachelor and Master of Arts degree from the Royal Academy of Music. She studied with Tomotada Soh and previously with Jyunko Isono at Toho Gakuen Music High School in Japan.

During her studies at RAM she was supported by the Rohm Music Foundation and awarded prizes including an entrance scholarship, the James Wright Award and Foundation Award 2011. Haru was selected for the semi-final of the Sendai International Music Competition 2013 and performed Bartok and Mozart 2nd Violin Concerto with Sendai Philharmonic Orchestra. Haru is also a prize winner of Ibaraki Shinjin Prize 2014. She has been a violinist in the Dulcinea Quartet since 2009.

