

Ladislav Palkovič, piano (SVK)

was born on 12 April, 1996 in Košice. He studied in Melánia Herman's piano class at the *State Conservatory in Košice* (2011–2015). Under her tutelage, he won the 3rd prize at the 2013 Slovak Conservatory Piano Competition in Banská Bystrica. In 2014 he debuted as a soloist with the *Košice State Philharmonic*. He has recorded works by many composers from the Slovak Radio: F. Chopin, D. Milhaud, K. Slavický, T. Nežkusil. In 2015–2017 he continued his studies at the Brno Conservatory. At that time, as a pianist under the direction of Renata Bialas, he won 1st prize at *Euterpe Music Competition 2017* in the Italian city of Corato. Since 2017 Ladislav Palkovič has been a student of the *Academy of Performing Arts in Bratislava* at the Departments of Composition and Conducting. (conducting - Blanka Juhaňáková; piano - Ivan Gajan). As a student of the Academy of Performing Arts in Bratislava he has won several awards for his piano performances at international competitions: 1st prize: *28th Young Musician International Competition 'Città di Barletta' 2018* (Barletta, Italy); Honorable Mention: *21st International Piano Competition "Mauro Paolo Monopoli Prize" 2018* (Barletta, Italy); 3rd prize: *6th International Piano Competition "Euregio Piano Award" 2018* (Geilenkirchen, Germany); 2nd prize: *18th International Music Competition "Music Without Limits" 2018* (Druskinikiai, Lithuania); GRAND PRIX: *2nd International Slavonic Music Competition 2018* (Ostrava, Czech Republic); 1st prize: *1st Liszt International Music Competition 2018* (Rome, Italy); 2nd prize: *1st Amadeus Piano Competition* (Lazise, Italy); 1st prize: *11th Edition Music Competition City of Philadelphia 2019* - Italy. Ladislav Palkovič has attended masterclasses led by prominent figures such as Andrzej Jasiński, Elena Richter, Viera Nosin, Dina Joffe, Alexandar Serdard, Jaroslaw Drzewiecki, Alena Vlasaková, Marianne Jacobsen, Lourante Boullet, Ivo Kahánek, Artur Jaron, Jan Jiraský and many others.