

Biography - Harvey Davies

Harvey Davies was born in 1964 and began playing the piano before he was three. He was a chorister at New College, Oxford, then went with a top Music Scholarship to Marlborough College. Harvey studied the piano with Helen Davies and David Parkhouse before going to Ryszard Bakst at the Royal Northern College of Music from 1983 to 1987. In 1987, Harvey won the title of Young Musician of the Year at the Llangollen International Eisteddfod and in 1990 gave his South Bank debut during the Park Lane Group's prestigious contemporary music series. Harvey was on the Live Music Now! scheme for many years, work that has taken him to venues of all descriptions throughout the UK. Harvey is now well established as a fine chamber musician and accompanist. He has played regularly on national radio and television channels including BBC Radio 3 and 4, BBC 1 and 2, Independent Television and S4C.

Helen and Harvey Davies are a successful mother-and-son piano duet team and have a special interest in contemporary music for four hands on one piano. They have had music written for them by many composers including Jeffrey Lewis, Bill Connor and John Metcalf and have premiered new pieces by Nicola Lefanu, and Brian Hughes. Helen and Harvey have made three CD's, the duet works of Richard Stoker, a collection of 20th C British music and a disc of mainly Romantic music, all for the ASC label.

Harvey is the pianist in Ensemble Cymru, a chamber group with a flexible line-up. The Ensemble is resident at Bangor University and has a busy year ahead having just won major sponsorship from Barclays Bank, amongst others. Recent premieres given have included works by Jeffrey Lewis, Andrew Lewis.

Harvey is an official accompanist at the Lionel Tertis International Viola Competition and the National Eisteddfod of Wales and is an Associated Board examiner. He has played abroad many times, touring the Middle East three times with the finalists of the BBC Young Musician competition. He has twice been a judge in the Young Musician of the Gulf competition in Bahrain and tours extensively with euphonium soloist David Childs

Quotes from the press:

"Harvey Davies, an accomplished pianist"
The Times

"Harvey Davies is a splendid pianist..."
Huddersfield Daily Examiner