

Professional Development Awards

Jonathan Little



The Musicians Benevolent Fund makes awards to individual professional musicians towards projects which will inspire their musical creativity and enable them to explore new directions through the Professional Development Awards. Professional musicians of all ages and musical styles are invited to apply.

A recent recipient of a Professional Development Award is composer Jonathan Little. Jonathan applied for an award to try to build upon his reputation, by releasing a second album of original musical compositions.

Jonathan began his career as a professional orchestral musician and moved into music lecturing, administration and research at the Academy of Contemporary Music in Guildford and at the University of Chichester.

As a composer, he initially came to international prominence in late 2008, when his first major album release, 'Terpsichore', was voted one of the recordings of the year in America's Fanfare magazine. His second album, 'Polyhymnia', supported by the Fund, is also destined for great things.

“This Award has allowed me to complete and to record scores that might otherwise never have been heard.”

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The first advance critical notice in the Cambridge University Press new music journal, 'Tempo', refers to Jonathan as someone who “may well be destined to become one of the most enthralling – and highly cherished – young composers in the United Kingdom.”

The album is part of ERM's 'Prestige' Series (USA) which showcases the work of selected international contemporary composers. The official release date of the CD is set for 6th September, 2010.

Jonathan says: “The assistance of the Musicians Benevolent Fund has crucially allowed me to hone and develop my skills and reorientate my career much more towards the creation of music.”

