

Richard Allen -- Harp

Harpist Richard Allen was born in Belfast in 1993 and studied in the UK with Gabriella Dall'Olio then in Switzerland with Letizia Belmondo. As a soloist he has been awarded prizes across Europe as both a classical and traditional musician, notably at the North London Camac Harp Competition and the Concours International Félix Godefroid. Recent highlights include Mozart's Flute & Harp Concerto with the National Symphony Orchestra of Ireland and Glière's Harp Concerto with the Ulster Orchestra. As an orchestral musician he freelances with orchestras such as the BBC Philharmonic, Philharmonisches Staatsorchester Hamburg, City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, Orchestre de Chambre de Lausanne, Bergen Philharmonic, and the Orchestra of Opera North. Richard has been invited to tutor courses and masterclasses, most recently at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music & Dance, the Ulster Youth Orchestra, and the Royal Irish Academy of Music. He is currently teaching at Leuphana Universität Lüneburg.