

Robert Bily (Biography)

I heard him in the Ettlingen International Piano Competition in Germany last year where he was awarded the First Prize. He always impressed me as a young musician of quite unusual temperament and genuine originality.

Professor Daejin Kim, Korean National University of Arts.

Robert exhibits a very strong musical personality, big deep inner world with lots of feeling and much fantasy. He has a beautiful expressive musicality and always plays with both charm and intensity. His technique is extremely polished and refined for his age.

Professor Arie Vardi, Director of the Artur Schnabel Competition in Tel Aviv.

Born in 1997 in Ústí nad Labem, Czech Republic, Robert Bily began to study piano at the age of 6. From 2003 to 2007 he had piano lessons with Margarita Gebhardt in Halle (Saale), Germany. From 2007 to 2014 he was studying with Dirk Fischbeck at the August Hermann Francke Latina Grammar School in Halle. He also had regular piano lessons with Gerald Fauth at the University of Music and Theatre "Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy" in Leipzig from 2012 to 2014 where he proceeded his training as a student of Jacques Ammon. Currently, Robert is continuing his education with Pavel Gililov at the Mozarteum Salzburg. In addition, Robert also attended piano masterclasses with renowned pianists and professors such as Emanuel Ax, Barry Douglas, Arie Vardi, Daejin Kim, Robert Levin, Vincenzo Balzani and Claudio Martinez Mehner.

Robert is an award winner of numerous national and international competitions, including 1st prizes at the Ettlingen International Piano Competition, Johann Nepomuk Hummel International Piano Competition, the International Music Festival in Paris and the 2nd prize at the International Jinji Suzhou Lake Piano Competition.

Furthermore he won the 1st prize at the Troisdorf International Piano Competition, the International Bachelor Award in Düsseldorf, "Virtuosi" International Piano Competition in his city of birth Ústí nad Labem, at the "Rising Star" Music Competition in Berlin as well as the 1st Prize and Grand Prix as the overall winner across all the competitions categories in both the International Music Competition "Young Talents & Orchestra" in Milan and at the Tadini International Music Competition in Loreto. In 2016, he also received the 2nd prize at the International Music Competition "Eurovision Young Musicians" in Cologne, being the best rated pianist of the competition and the first and only Czech prize winner of the competitions history to date.

Bily regularly participates as a soloist at many prestigious music festivals including Salzburg Festival, Händel Festspiele and Schleswig-Holstein Musik Festival. He has already performed in Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Luxembourg, Italy, England, Spain, Norway and the Arabic Emirates.