

Zara Williams (piano) was born in London in 2003 and started the piano when she was six years old. Zara joined The Purcell School in September 2014 where she studies piano with Stephen Coombs. Her studies are supported by the Government's Music and Dance Scheme Scholarship. Zara is an active pianist and attends the Cadenza International Music Summer School where she participates in piano masterclasses, concerts and has multiple string orchestral and chamber music opportunities. In August 2018 Zara attended the Junior Pianale International Course in Schlitz, Germany.

Zara won second place in the Open Recital Class at the Beckenham Festival in November 2016 and achieved a distinction in the Bronze Arts Award in March 2017. She was runner up at the North London Music Festival Premier Cup Challenge and won the Open Recital competition at Beckenham Festival in November 2018. She was also awarded the Eric Longhurst Challenge Cup with honours. Most recently, Zara is a first prize winner of the Golden Classical Music Awards International Competition 2019 and will perform at Carnegie Hall, New York on 5th March 2019.

At The Purcell School she has taken part in piano courses by Dmitri Alexeev and David Gordon and has been selected to play in both internal and external concerts at venues such as St Mary's Church, Watford, Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, and more. She has performed with Julian Jacobson and had one-to-one masterclasses with Aaron Shorr.

Alongside Deniz Cengiz, their duo is coached by William Fong. They very much enjoy playing together and are set to enter the Grand Prix London International Chamber Competition, later this term.

Outside of music, Zara enjoys yoga, cycling and art; she is also a keen photographer. In the future, she would like to go on to a conservatoire to continue her musical studies. She is looking forward to taking part in more competitions and courses over the coming years.