

# Colburn Artists

## Ross Jamie Collins



Ross Jamie Collins is a young Finnish-British conductor recently selected to join the inaugural class of Salonen Fellows in the Negaunee Conducting Program at the Colburn School. Previously a student of Jorma Panula at the Panula Academy in Finland, Ross begins his studies with Esa-Pekka Salonen at Colburn in the fall of 2019. In 2018 he was awarded Third Prize in the VII International Jorma Panula Conducting Competition, and in 2019 he makes his debuts with the South Denmark Philharmonic and the Kirkkonummi Chamber Orchestra. Born in 2001

in Nottingham, United Kingdom, Ross has been living in Helsinki, Finland since 2008 where he began conducting studies at the age of 14 with Klaus Mäkelä. In 2017 he founded his own orchestra, named Symphony Orchestra ROSSO, and conducted a full symphony concert at the age of 15.

Supported by a scholarship from The Finnish Cultural Foundation, Ross has participated in numerous international conducting masterclasses and has had experience conducting the Kuopio Symphony Orchestra, Vaasa City Orchestra, Sinfonietta Cracovia, MAV Symphony Orchestra, Bohuslav Martinů Philharmonic Orchestra, Lappeenranta City Orchestra, St. Michel Strings and The Camerata Antonio Soler. He also works as an assistant conductor of the Lauttasaari Symphony Orchestra.

In 2019, Ross will graduate from the Sibelius-lukio High School, where he is part of the award-winning Chamber Choir and the band 'Beyond The Oceans' in which he plays the keyboard. He began his musical studies playing piano, violin, cello and French horn, and since 2014 he has concentrated his instrumental training in singing. As a baritone he is currently studying with Mervi Sipola-Maliniemi.

**(Biography current as of May 2019)**