

Colburn Artists

Ross Jamie Collins, conductor



Ross Jamie Collins is a Finnish-British conductor and is a part of 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 began 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 made 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.

In the 2021-22 concert season, Ross will make his conducting debut with the Philharmonia Orchestra, alongside violinist Randall Goosby in music of Mendelssohn, Nielsen and Sibelius. He will also make his debut with the Turku Philharmonic, Finland's oldest orchestra, where he will be leading them alongside the classic British animated film *The Snowman*. 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 and Ross is the former assistant conductor of the Lauttasaari Symphony Orchestra.

As a student of Esa-Pekka Salonen, Ross has travelled and assisted him at the Philharmonia, NDR Elbphilharmonie Orchester, Helsinki Philharmonic Orchestra, Orchestre de Paris, Houston Symphony Orchestra, Philadelphia Orchestra and the San Francisco Symphony. He has also had the opportunity to work closely alongside Edo de Waart, James Conlon, Ludovic Morlot, Rossen Milanov, Peter Oundjian & Ray Chen and has conducted both the Colburn Orchestra and Academy Virtuosi.

(Biography current as of September 2021)