

Luke Bainbridge



Dankworth Prize winning jazz musician and drummer, Luke Bainbridge, had already completed a BMus at the University of Birmingham when he joined the Royal Academy of Music to study for a MA in Jazz percussion.

Limited funding for music students meant that Luke sought a grant to overcome the shortfall in his course financing. Given the intensive nature of his course, Luke was keen to fully focus on his studies.

Luke's life is music. A talented and committed individual, he has shared his passion for music through teaching drums. He regularly plays at private functions and public concerts. His award-winning compositions have also been played in public performances.

In his own words, the grant "made a profound difference in my ability to take up my place at The Academy". In September 2020 Luke received a distinction for his Masters, and over the course of his studies has seen the quantity and quality of his performance opportunities increase. Moving forward, Luke plans to work towards his debut album and UK tour as a band leader.

"Luke was an exceptional candidate, with a bright future. It has been our privilege to help nurture the beginnings of what we are sure will be a long and successful career in music."

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