## Ken Nakasako - piano



Ken NAKASAKO is a Japanese pianist who was born in 1993, and started playing the piano at the age of 5. After he graduated first on the list from the Toho Gakuen College of Music, where he studied with Prof. Fujiko Yamada and Prof. Shigeo Neriki, he started studying at the University of the Arts Berlin with Prof. Pascal Devoyon and Rikako Murata in 2016. He currently studies with Prof. Lucas Blondeel as a Konzertexamen student. Other musical figures that inspired him through masterclasses include Eliso Virsaladze, Klaus Hellwig, Bernd Goetzke, Hortense Cartier-Bresson. Ken has been awarded prizes in numerous competitions including the 2nd prize (1st prize not awarded) at the Artur Schnabel Competition in Berlin, Germany, and the 1st prize at the Swedish International Duo Competition in Katrineholm, Sweden. Between 2017 and 2020, he was teaching at the Hanns Eisler School of Music as a collaborative pianist, and since 2019, he is teaching at the University of the Arts Berlin.