Curriculum Vitae

Davide Santacolomba is an Italian concert pianist. Born in Palermo in 1987, he started studying the piano at the age of 14, 5 years after his deafness was discovered: Bilateral sensorineural hearing loss. He graduated from Palermo Conservatory with highest marks and honors. Under the guidance of Anna Kravtchenko at the Conservatorio della Svizzera Italiana in Lugano, Davide obtained the Master of Arts in Music Pedagogy in 2017 and the Master of Art in Music Performance in 2019, and graduated with top marks in both programs. The meeting with Anna Kravtchenko was fundamental for her artistic growth, also enriched by several masterclasses of illustrious masters such as: Giuseppe Andaloro, Roberto Plano and Irina Plotnikova (Moscow). Davide’s performances have been widely praised by renowned music critics for the rare musical sensitivity of his interpretations and his charisma. He is well-known in Europe due to his numerous appearances in the world of television and information, such as Rai 1’s TG1, Il Fatto Quotidiano, La Repubblica, Libero Quotidiano, Rai Parlamento di Rai 2 and TV2000, RSI (Swiss) and fanpage.it. In 2015 he was discovered by “Le Iene”, an Italian program which dedicated an entire report on his unique story as the only known case where an Italian person with a significant hearing loss was able to completing the extremely demanding requirements to become a professional pianist.

Davide’s career is also blossoming on the international scene. He was initially selected to perform in three editions of International “Beats of Cochlea” music festival for deaf musicians in Warsaw, Poland, received second prize in the Unheard Notes Piano Paralympic competition in December 2018 in New York and third prize at the famous Italian Talent Show “Tu Sì Que Vales”. He has performed in concerto for piano solo or with orchestra in Switzerland, Austria, Poland, Germany, the United States and Japan, playing in prestigious halls and festivals, among which we remember Audiotirum Paganini in Parma (Festival Verdi), Teatro Giovanni da Udine, Haus der Musik in Innsbruck, Teatro Verdi in Bolzano, Teatro Politeama, Teatro Massimo in Palermo, Engelman Hall of New York Univeristy, Sinfonia Varsovia Hall and the Chopin University Hall in Warsaw and Theater und Medien of the Hochschule für Musik in Hanover. He gave his debut in Asia when he performs in Tokyo at the National Olympic Hall in September 2019 in the presence of the First Lady, Akie Abe. Today he is considered by many doctors and scientific experts of international renown as the few pianists in the world with a significant hearing loss to have reached a high professional artistic level. He is often invited to perform and share his story at events in Europe where important scientific conferences on hearing loss are held. Davide wears a cochlear implant from Advanced Bionics in his right ear and a Phonak hearing aid in his leftear.