



## JONATHAN WARE Lied Accompanist

In high demand as a chamber musician and Lied accompanist, pianist Jonathan Ware has recently appeared in venues including Alice Tully Hall, The Ravinia Festival, Carnegie's Weill Hall and Wigmore Hall. Jonathan Ware has given recitals internationally with established singers and rising artists including Benjamin Appl, Jonathan Beyer, Michael Kelly, Robert White and Lei Xu. Chamber music credits include performances with Celeste Golden, Michael Katz and Allie Osborne.

Jonathan Ware, born in Texas in 1984, completed his Master's Degree at The Juilliard School, where he was a full-scholarship student of Brian Zeger, Jonathan Feldman and Margo Garrett. He received his Bachelor's Degree and the Performer's Certificate from Eastman School of Music under the tutelage of Natalya Antonova. Before entering college, he traveled full-time across the United States with his family, participating as pianist and vocalist in concerts presented in a wide variety of church venues.

Grand Prize winner of the 2005 Kingsville International Young Performer's Competition and Silver Medalist of the 2002 Missouri Southern International Piano Competition, Jonathan Ware's performances have been broadcast on radio stations across the country including WQXR (New York), WFMT (Chicago), WRR (Dallas), as well as on public television in the documentary about the New York Piano Competition entitled *Speaking with Music*.

At the 2011 Wigmore Hall Song Competition, Jonathan Ware was awarded the prestigious Pianist's Award.

As a soloist, recitals have taken Jonathan Ware to Dallas, New York, Washington D.C., Miami, and Hammamatsu in Japan. Regarding his début with the Dallas Symphony, the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* described Jonathan Ware as an artist who **"...played with an ease and spontaneity that belied his years."**

Recent engagements include Liederabende in Florida with Michael Kelly and Christin Wismann, an appearance with baritone Benjamin Appl at the Concerts au Milan in La Roche, Switzerland, as well as performances at Carnegie's Weill Hall with singers participating in Marilyn Horne's *The Song Continues* programme.

Projects in 2011 included a recital with cellist Michael Katz at Lincoln Center, the New York debut recital of baritone Michael Kelly in October, performances as official accompanist at the Meistersinger Academy in Neumarkt, Germany, and his third residency during the summer 2011 on the accompanying staff of Chicago's Ravinia Festival.

In 2012, Jonathan Ware will be accompanist at the Heidelberger Frühling International Festival Academy, at the Meistersinger Academy Neumarkt. In August 2012, he will accompany soprano Hanna Herfurtner and baritone Benjamin Appl with Wolf's *Italienisches Liederbuch* at the Rheingau Music Festival, Germany.