

JACK PEPPER (b.1999)

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One of the UK's youngest commissioned composers and youngest-ever national radio presenter

Composer and songwriter

- In his teenage years, Jack composed classical orchestral works for the **Royal Opera House**, **Classic FM's** 25th birthday, the 125th birthday of the **Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra** and the **Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra**
- Written songs performed by **The Band of HM Royal Marines**, soprano **Camilla Kerslake** and Canadian jazz group **SymphRONica** (including a **JUNO Award**-nominated album)
- **New musical, *Duet***, tells the true story of his piano teacher; it is in development in association with **The Lowry, Southampton Mayflower and Norwich Theatres**, with book, music and lyrics by Jack. Following workshops in March 2023, songs were premiered at the Royal Albert Hall by a massed ensemble of 3,000 young musicians across two nights in November 2023. Video clips here (music, lyric, orchestration and arrangement by Jack): <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/36kggydcj7e3avxgdzrci/h?rlkey=fb4p6udiwld6xm887u18cx347&dl=0>
- **Children's seaside show, *Gulls and Buoys*** (book, music and lyrics by Jack) piloted in a primary school in July 2023, with Jack visiting the school weekly across 6 weeks to teach a primary school class this one-hour show. The whole school collaborated on sets and costumes before staging the piece. It was **rolled out to 5 schools through summer 2024**.
- **New stage musical, *Unleashed***, written with **Matt Edmondson**, received its first public showcases at MAST Studios in 2024.

Broadcaster

- Aged 19, Jack helped plan, build and launch a new national classical music radio station for **Bauer Media: Scala Radio**. Now **Magic Radio's Magic Classical**, he presents on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, with past guests including **Gary Barlow, Lang Lang, Itzhak Perlman, Jools Holland, Katherine Jenkins, Cameron Mackintosh** and **Simon Rattle**.
- Hosted specials for **Magic Radio's Magic at the Musicals** and **Jazz FM**.
- Hosts the musical theatre show for **British Airways** and **Aer Lingus** in-flight entertainment
- Aged 19, he was named as one of **ReelWorld Radio Academy's 30 Under 30**

Writer

- A regular writer for **Gramophone** and **Musicals Magazine**
- Has contributed to **The Times, The Telegraph, The Daily Mirror** and **BBC Music Magazine**
- His **debut book, 'Raising The Roof'**, was released in June 2024, introducing a young audience to classical music. It is published by **Templar / Bonnier Books**

Other

- Board member of **Creative UK**
- On the voting panel for the **BPI BRIT Awards** for six years, having started as a judge as a teenager
- Advisor/creative board member for **Glyndebourne**
- Creator of **The Commonwealth's** global Music Relay, with Commonwealth Resounds
- **Music For Youth** ambassador. He **created and leads their Thank Your Music Teacher campaign**, which included personally engaging as official partners **The Times**, the **Royal Albert Hall, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, BBC** and endorsements from **Sir Keir Starmer, Andrew Lloyd Webber, Nile Rodgers** and **Marcus Mumford**. The campaign culminated in two Proms at the Royal Albert Hall, with 3000 young musicians from across the UK performing 25 minutes of Jack's music. It returned in 2024 supported by the BBC, with Jack appearing on **The One Show** and **BBC Radios 2, 3 and 4**.