

Gabriel Quenneville-Bélaire is a French Canadian pianist hailed for his electrifying and powerful performances. A prize winner of numerous competitions, his colorful interpretations marry a poignant polyphony with clarity of technique and form.

Gabriel QB holds a Doctor of Musical Arts in Piano Performance with Lydia Artymiw from the University of Minnesota, and a Master's Degree with Richard Raymond from the Conservatoire de Musique de Montreal. He worked as a Piano Teaching Assistant for the University of Minnesota from 2013 to 2016 and taught the Piano Literature course at Wilfrid-Laurier University in 2020.

In recent seasons, Gabriel QB has performed Tchaikovsky's Concerto No. 1 in B-flat minor with KSO, HHO, OSI, OPMEM, and the University of Minnesota Orchestra as the winner of the 2016 University of Minnesota Concerto Competition. Noteworthy invitations include a performance at Weill Recital Hall, Carnegie Hall, NYC, a recital and masterclass for the Musicians' Association of Tai'an, China, and a lecture-recital on Russian Piano Repertoire for the Minneapolis Music Teacher Association in Minnesota. He has also garnered prestigious awards including the Centennial Fellowship at the University of Minnesota, numerous scholarships from the Orford Art Center, and the Gilles-Gauthier Scholarship for Best Academic Profile of the Conservatoire de musique de Montreal. He is the 2016 Prizewinner of the Claude F. Lefebvre Scholarship of the Fondation de soutien aux arts de Laval.

He has premiered numerous works by living composers such as a Prelude by Sean Clarke, written especially for him to perform. His dedication to exploring a truly modern piano repertoire establishes him as a passionate defender of contemporary music.

His first solo piano album, a compilation of Canadian, Russian, Norwegian, and French music, was released in May 2018, and is available on iTunes and Amazon.

Gabriel QB currently resides in Toronto, where he enjoys a balance between performing and teaching. When he is not in front of the piano, he enjoys going for quick rides on his unicycle to unwind.

For more information, please visit his official website: www.gabrielqbpiano.com