

Hailed as having “a skilled hand at crafting textures that pulse with life”, pianist and composer Jesse Plessis obtained a Master of Music degree from Brandon University, where he studied piano with Megumi Masaki and composition with Patrick Carrabre. His Bachelor of Music degree is from the University of Lethbridge, where he studied piano with Deanna Oye and composition with Arlan Schultz and Rolf Boon. Plessis has appeared on stages across Canada, England, and continental Europe, has received numerous awards both in piano and composition, and regularly performs as a guest artist with several ensembles in Canada. In 2013, he founded the Centric Festival, an annual classical music festival held in Lethbridge, Alberta, that continues under the direction of pianist Ryan Kolodziej. He has given the Canadian premieres of works by Arlan Schultz, Marcel Bergmann, Kaija Saariaho, John Corigliano, Nico Muhly, and Kjartan Olafsson, and currently resides in Montréal where he studies with Paul Stewart at the University of Montréal.