



Pendle  
Young Musicians'  
Bursary

## PYMB WINNERS FACT FILE

### MEGAN HUMPHRIES - HARP



**Age** – 19

**Where do you study?** Royal Academy of Music, London.

**What is your hometown?** Harrogate.

**Favourite composer and why?** That's too much of a difficult question to narrow down to one composer, I don't think I could even begin to list them, but I will say I have a particular soft spot for Romantic and early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Music.

**Proudest moment of your life?** Playing at the Royal Albert Hall with the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain in 2019 – it was just before I was going to start at the Royal Academy of Music, which I was already proud of, and I was stood on stage with the other harpists of NYO about to perform some amazing music when I realised I was doing alright.

**Do you play any more musical instruments?** Piano and I like to pretend I can sing.

**What type of music do you listen to (style, genre, artist)?** Anything and everything, my music library is a mess, it goes from some Bach to Eminem to traditional Irish folk to Snarky Puppy to Sibelius... there's even some German rap on there!

**What's your favourite kind of drink?** Yet another question I can't directly answer, it's all too dependent on the situation... a cold gin and tonic is definitely not the drink for when you've got home drenched in winter, hot chocolate is my favourite drink in that situation, and equally I'm not going to down a hot chocolate at a summer party, that's when I'd go for a gin and tonic!

**Can you share one quote or saying you love?** It's not a quote or saying, but I've always found Charlie Chaplin's 'The Great Dictator' speech phenomenal.