

## **KATIE JENKINS**

It is unusual for the Awards Committee to give successive awards to the same person, but over several years the Committee has built up a relationship with Katie Jenkins (from Pontypridd). In 2017, she approached us whilst still at school for help to attend the Summerfest at the Curtis Institute, Philadelphia, to study music composition. She had an impressive CV, and had been co-leader of the Cardiff and Vale Youth Orchestra in 2016. The Committee recognised a budding talent, but awarded her only £200 as the funding had to come from a limited budget for unplanned awards. The next year, she asked for help to attend the Juilliard School in New York, and we were only slightly more generous, awarding her £250. She has now launched out with her own production company and wished to purchase quality audio recording interface equipment; we have awarded her £650. Katie's website is at [www.katiejenkinscomposer.com](http://www.katiejenkinscomposer.com).

Katie has just started work on a musical adaptation of 'How Green Was My Valley'. She is also creating the music content for a record-breaking virtual dinner for 150,000 women worldwide. Perhaps this Welsh talent was more budding than we realised four years ago - we will need to keep her in mind for further recognition.



Katie Jenkins