Carmel Smickersgill 21, is a composer based in Manchester having recently finished an undergraduate degree in composition with Gary Carpenter at the RNCM.

Her music has been performed on Radio 3 as well as having been recently commissioned by Brighter Sound and writing ensembles and performers such as psappha, No Dice and CoMA. She has previously been awarded the Terence Greeves prize for big band composition as well as the Edward Hecht prize for composition during her time in college.

Carmel has recently been named as the 4th recipient of the Liverpool Philharmonic's Christopher Brooks award which will lead to her writing for ensemble 10/10.