

MENUHIN COMPETITION LONDON 2016 ANNOUNCES EVENT HIGHLIGHTS AT SOUTHBANK CENTRE



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2016 will see London as the host city of a major international celebration of legendary violinist **Yehudi Menuhin**, when the world famous **MENUHIN COMPETITION** returns for the first time in twelve years, to celebrate the **Centenary** of its founder. The **MENUHIN COMPETITION** is the world's leading competition for young violinists under 22. Referred to as the Olympics of the violin, and held in a different world city every two years, the London dates are **Thursday 7 – Sunday 17 April 2016**.

The **MENUHIN COMPETITION LONDON 2016** will shine with 44 of the most talented violin stars of tomorrow competing for the coveted awards; alongside some of London's best orchestras and a host of internationally acclaimed soloists over the 11-day festival, filling venues across London with world class music.

Southbank Centre will play a key part in the **MENUHIN COMPETITION LONDON 2016**, hosting the Opening Concert (7/4/16) with the Philharmonia Orchestra and starring three internationally acclaimed violinists and former winners of the **MENUHIN COMPETITION: Tasmin Little, Ray Chen** and teenager **Rennosuke Fukuda** who perform works all intimately connected with **Yehudi Menuhin** – including a world premiere by composing sensation, and Zamira Menuhin's god-daughter, **Roxanna Panufnik**.

There will be exciting events and workshops for all throughout the 11-days at **Southbank Centre** with the young competitors, aged between 11 and 21 fronting the diverse **Menuhin Outreach Festival**.

Other highlights at **Southbank Centre** include: the Senior Finals (under 22s) of the **MENUHIN COMPETITION LONDON 2016**, when four of the world's best young violinists face a jury panel of star soloists, as they compete for the coveted first prize (16/4/16). The Philharmonia Orchestra presents the winners of both the Juniors (under 14s) and Seniors (under 22s) in the Closing Gala concert of the **MENUHIN COMPETITION LONDON 2016**, alongside dazzling virtuoso and 1995 winner **Julia Fischer** playing Bartók's haunting *First Violin Concerto* (17/4/16).

A sure favourite of the **MENUHIN COMPETITION LONDON 2016** will be the Family Concert with some of the young competitors joining Orpheus Sinfonia (16/4/16) in the London premiere of the entertaining murder mystery, Lemony Snicket's *The Composer Is Dead* - a real whodunnit about the orchestra!

The **MENUHIN COMPETITION LONDON 2016** will spread its wings across London with performances, heats and events at its hub and host conservatory, the **Royal Academy of Music**, a Chamber Concert at the **Menuhin School** and a concert at the stunning **Temple Church**.

Menuhin's legacy lives on with the thrilling and exceptional talent on display during the **MENUHIN COMPETITION LONDON 2016**.

MENUHIN COMPETITION LONDON 2016 WILL OPEN FOR ENTRIES ON 22 APRIL 2015.

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