

THE FOUR SENIORS THROUGH TO THE HEADY FINALS OF THE MENUHIN COMPETITION LONDON 2016

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MENUHIN CENTENARY

The **MENUHIN COMPETITION LONDON 2016** announces the four **Senior** competitors through to the Finals of the Competition which will take place at Southbank's **Royal Festival Hall** on **Saturday 16 April** at 1930hrs (7.30pm).

The four truly exceptional talents through to the **Senior** Finals are (please see below for full biogs):

Ziyu	He	Male	16	China
Yu-Ting	Chen	Female	20	Taiwan
Jeein	Kim	Female	20	South Korea
SongHa	Choi	Female	16	South Korea

Link to all photography including PICTURES OF THE FINALISTS: [here](#)

The **Senior Finals** concert is the culmination of the whole Competition, as four of the world's best young violinists, under the age of 22, face a panel of star soloists in their quest for the 1st Prize. The jury of world class soloists is chaired by American violinist **Pamela Frank**; with five former laureates **Julia Fischer**, **Ray Chen**, **Tasmin Little**, **Ning Feng** and **Joji Hattori**. **Menuhin's** son and pianist **Jeremy Menuhin**, Korean violinist **Dong-Suk Kang** and director of the Verbier Festival **Martin Engstroem** complete the line-up. Their final decision of the Competition: to choose the **Senior First Prize Winner** of the **MENUHIN COMPETITION LONDON 2016**.

The four Senior Finalists will play a stunning repertoire during the evening: **Lalo** Symphonie espagnole in D minor, Op. 21; **Mendelssohn** Violin Concerto in E minor, Op. 64; **Prokofiev** Violin Concerto No. 1 in D, Op. 19 and **Dvořák** Violin Concerto in A minor, Op. 53. The full **Royal Academy of Music Symphony Orchestra** will be behind them, conducted by Christopher Warren-Green. The Prize-Winners will be announced at the end of the evening.

SENIOR FINALS - MENUHIN COMPETITION LONDON 2016

SATURDAY 16 APRIL 2016

1930hrs (7.30pm)

at

THE ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL

(Southbank Centre, Belvedere Rd, London SE1 8XX)

Concert supported by the Azima Foundation.

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£10 - £30 (concessions available)

Website: www.menuhincompetition.org

Ziyu He, 16, China

Ziyu He was born in Qingdao, China and began the violin aged 5 with Professor Xiangrong Zhang. Since 2011 he has studied at the University Mozarteum and Leopold Mozart Institute, under the tutelage of Professor Paul Roczek for violin, and since 2014 viola with Professor Thomas Riebl. He won the 2014 Eurovision Young Musicians, the Instrumental Wettbewerb Markneukirchen and the 1st Zhuhai International Mozart Competition for Young Musicians in 2015.

Finals

A. Dvorak Violin Concerto in A minor Op. 53

Yu-Ting Chen, 20, Taiwan

Yu-Ting Chen is studying for a Bachelor's Degree in violin performance at the Curtis Institute of Music under the tutelage of Ida Kavafian and Shmuel Ashkenasi. Her previous studies were in Taiwan with I-Ching Li and Chun-Yinh Lee. She has played in many halls in her native Taiwan, including the National Taiwan Symphony Orchestra Recital Hall, and performed with international orchestras: a future highlight is a performance with the Cape Symphony Orchestra in 2016. She has also been top prizewinner at competitions, most recently at the 2nd Stradivarius International Violin Competition (2012).

Finals

S. Prokofiev Violin Concerto No. 1 in D major, Op. 19

Jeein Kim, 20, South Korea

Jeein Kim has performed in many concerts including the Hradec Králové Philharmonic Orchestra and Yonsei University Orchestra. She has also played in the Kumho Art Hall and Shinhan Art Hall, and in the Young Mozart Concert and Mast Summer Academy Rising Star Concert. She won 2nd prize in the Donga Music Competition, First Prize in the Ewha and Kyungh Yang Competition and the Shinhan Music Award, as well as other major prizes. She has an interest in chamber music and won Silver Medal in the Seoul Youth Chamber Music Competition. She currently studies with Professor Dong-Suk Kang and Sang-Soon Lee at Yonsei University.

Finals

F. Mendelssohn Violin Concerto in E minor, Op. 64

SongHa Choi, 16, South Korea

SongHa Choi was born in Bielefeld, Germany in 2000. After having studied at the Korea National Institute for the Gifted in Arts and pre-college course of Korea National University of Arts in Seoul, she is currently studying at the Yehudi Menuhin School, with Lutsia Ibragimova. She has won a number of national and international competitions and has given several solo recitals in Korea, Turkey and England. She has also performed as a soloist with Yongin Philharmonic Orchestra, Thames Philharmonia Orchestra and Sinfonia of Cambridge, and has collaborated with James O'Donnell. SongHa also enjoys playing chamber music and orchestral works, along with her solo playing and piano studies.

FINALS

S. Prokofiev Violin Concerto No. 1 in D, Op. 19

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