

THE SENIOR WINNER OF THE MENUHIN COMPETITION LONDON 2016



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Just announced tonight (Saturday 16/4/16): the **SENIOR First Prize Winner** of the **MENUHIN COMPETITION LONDON 2016** is **16 year old ZIYU HE** from **China**. Against all the odds **ZIYU**, the **ONE AND ONLY BOY** in the Senior Competition out of the 22 Competitors, beat off fierce competition from the 21 girls competing!

The **SENIOR First Prize Winner ZIYU** wins: A 1-year loan from the Beare's International Violin Society of the glorious Golden period Antonio Stradivari violin, 'Schneiderhan' (Cremona, 1715) and £10,000. But it is the major concert opportunities that come with winning the **MENUHIN COMPETITION LONDON 2016** that will catapult **ZIYU** onto the classical music world stage. This year, the extraordinarily talented young violinist will perform recitals including the Harrogate International Festival (21/7) and the Petworth Festival (22/7). On the 7 August **ZIYU** will perform with the Gstaad Festival Orchestra at the Menuhin Festival Gstaad with many more exciting concerts through to 2019.

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

- 1st Prize Winner – Ziyu He, 16, China**
- 2nd Prize Winner – SongHa Choi, 16, South Korea**
- 3rd Prize Winner – Yu-Ting Chen, 20, Taiwan**
- 4th Prize Winner - Jeein Kim, 20, South Korea**

The jury of nine was 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**. The Finals of the **Senior** section of the **MENUHIN COMPETITION LONDON 2016** took place at Southbank's Royal Festival Hall.

Congratulations to **ZIYU HE** – the **SENIOR FIRST PRIZE WINNER** of the **MENUHIN COMPETITION LONDON 2016**.

The **MENUHIN COMPETITION** is delighted to announce that their next Competition will be held in **GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, 12-22 April 2018** – the **MENUHIN COMPETITION GENEVA 2018**.

Website: www.menuhincompetition.org

Full Biographies below

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, 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.

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