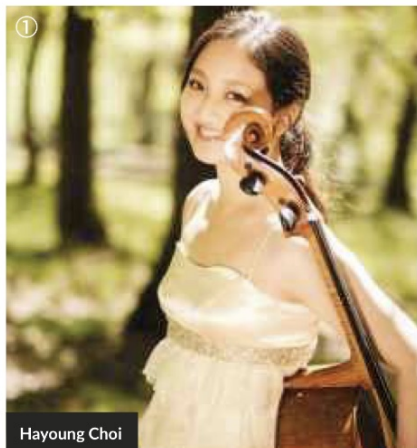


COMPETITIONS



① The PLN80,000 (£16,750) first prize at the **International Krzysztof Penderecki Cello Competition** in Kraków, Poland, went to 20-year-old South Korean cellist **Hayoung Choi**. She is a student of Wolfgang Emanuel Schmidt at the Kronberg Academy. Francesco Stefanelli, 20, from San Marino came second, while 21-year-old Yang Kang, from China, came third.

② German cellist **Sebastian Fritsch**, 22, has won the cello category of the **Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy University Competition** in Berlin. A student of Jean-Guihen Queyras at the Hochschule für Musik Freiburg, he receives €4,000. Korean-born Sul Yoon, 23, and Serbian Petar Pejčić, 16, finished second and third.

③ A cellist and violinist have won second and third prize respectively at the **Friends of the Minnesota Orchestra Young Artists Competition**. Cellist **Alexander Hersh**, 25, a former student of Laurence Lesser at the New England Conservatory, receives \$4,500, while 23-year-old violinist Eva Aronian, who studied with Donald Weilerstein at the New England Conservatory, receives \$3,000. First prize went to harpist Grace Roepke.

④ Australian cellist **Rachel Siu**, 21, a student of Joel Krosnick at Juilliard, has won the **Getting to Carnegie** competition, held at Carnegie Hall in New York City. She receives \$2,000. The competition does not give awards for second and third.

⑤ At the **Walgreens National Concerto Competition** in Ravinia, IL, US, the grand prize in the senior open division went to US cellist **James Baik**, a 17-year-old student of Hans Jørgen Jensen at the Music Institute of Chicago, IL, US. Violist **Ezra Burca**, 17, a student of Desirée Ruhstrat at the Midwest Young Artists Conservatory, IL, US, won the grand prize in the senior division.

APPOINTMENTS

- German violinist **Suyoen Kim** and Dutch cellist **Harriet Krijgh** are to join the Artemis Quartet, replacing Anthea Kreston and Eckart Runge from June 2019.

- British violinist **Gina McCormack** will join the Brodsky Quartet in May 2019. She will succeed Daniel Rowland, who is leaving to pursue a solo career.

- The California-based Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra has announced the appointment of French-American viola player **Erik Rynearson** as its new principal violist.

FORTHCOMING COMPETITIONS & AWARDS

Filadelfia International Competition in Filadelfia, Italy, for soloists on any instrument in six age categories, plus separate chamber ensemble contest. Top prize €3,000
Deadline 8 April 2019; competition 8–12 May
Web www.associazione-melody.com

Zhuhai International Mozart Competition for Young Musicians in Zhuhai, China, for pianists and violinists under 23. First prize in senior category \$30,000
Deadline 30 April 2019; competition 10–22 September
Web <http://en.zhmozart.org>

Ysaÿe International Music Competition in Liège, Belgium, for violinists in two age categories and chamber ensembles (no age limit). First prize in senior violin category €3,000; chamber category €2,500
Deadline 3 May 2019; competition 15–20 July
Web www.ysaye-competition.com

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