

Yujin's Biography

Yujin Ariza, age 16, a junior at Menlo High School, made his Carnegie Hall appearance in May '08 as a winner of American Fine Arts Festival in New York, performing Bach's Partita No. 3. He also made his Concerto debut by performed Dvorak's Violin Concerto with the El Camino Youth Symphony as a winner of its Concerto Competition with a full house audience at Flint Center in Cupertino in 2008. He appeared again as a soloist with the Symphony to perform Ravel's Tzigane as a concerto competition winner in 2010. Yujin also won the Nova Vista Symphony Young Artist Concerto Competition in 2010 and will perform the Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto with the Symphony in the 2011-2012 season.



In March '09, Yujin attended the Courchevel International Music Academy in Kasama, Japan. He studied with world renowned violin Professor Zakhar Bron and Dong-Suk Kang there. In summer '09, Yujin had the opportunity to participate in the European Tour with El Camino Youth Symphony. He traveled to Poland and Germany, performing in Warsaw, Katowice, Wroclaw, Potsdam and Leipzig, including the legendary Gewandhaus Concert Hall.

Born into a musical family, Yujin began to study the violin at age 3 and the piano at age 4. From an early age, he won numerous competitions and awards including the Chinese Music Teachers Association of Northern California Competitions where he won first place in 2008 and 2002, the Junior Bach Festival, American Arts Festival and El Camino Youth Symphony Concerto Competitions. Most recently, Yujin won the alternate 1st price in the Music Teacher's Association's VOCE competition, 2nd price in the US OPEN Violin Concerto competition Diamond Division, and the Junior Bach Festival. He received piano awards as well at the International Russian Music Competition and Chinese Teachers Association of Northern California Competitions.

As a chamber musician, Yujin had appeared at Music@Menlo Chamber Music Festival and Institute for four seasons since 2005. He also attended the Music Academy of the West MERIT, the Yellow Barn Music Festival and School. In the 2011 summer, Yujin will participate the Aspen Music Festival and School in Colorado. Through the school year, he has been a member of the San Francisco Youth Orchestra since 2008 and the "Epos Trio", the chamber group at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. He serves Concertmaster for Menlo School Chamber Orchestra.

Yujin had played in master classes lead by Martin Chalifour, the Principal Concertmaster of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Philip Setzer, from the Emerson String Quartet, Masao Kawasaki, from the Juilliard School, former Tokyo String Quartet first violinist, Koichiro Harada, Joseph Swensen, and the Borromeo String Quartet. Yujin currently studies violin with Li Lin who is a faculty of San Francisco Conservatory of Music Preparatory Division.