Violin

**Zhi-jong Wang**

Remarked by Yehudi Menuhin at an early age, Zhi-Jong WANG is considered one of the most promising violinists of her generation and receiving increasing international attention.  
   
Zhi-Jong appears as a soloist with various orchestras, including Orchestre national de Radio France, Orchestre national de Lille, Konzerthausorchester Berlin, NDR Radio Philharmonic Orchestra (Hannover), Turku Symphony Orchestra, the Macao Orchestra, China National Symphony Orchestra, Shanghai Symphony orchestras amongst others. She collaborates with musicians such as Gidon Kremer, Lynn Harrel, Irena Grafenauer，Matthias Bamert, Christian Arming, Muhai Tang, Jia Lu, Choo Hoey, etc.  
   
Zhi-Jong´s most recent accomplishments include a successful tour with Helsinki Philharmonic Orchestra under Maestro Okko Kamu and John Storgårds, and a highly acclaimed concert with St. Petersburg Philharmonic Orchestra under Maestro Yuri Temirkanov. Furthermore, invited by the world-famous violinist Pinchas Zukerman, Zhi-Jong performed in Mr. Zukerman´s recital in Shanghai as a special guest. After listening to her play, legendary Gidon Kremer immediately invited her to perform in the festival "Chamber music connects the world" in Kronberg where he holds the position as the artistic director. She also had solo performances in many important concerts such as the 80th anniversary gala concert of Shanghai Concert Hall in 2010.  
   
Zhi-Jong has won several important competitions beginning with First Prize in the Eighth Yehudi Menuhin International Competition for Young Violinists in 1998 - the last competition held by Sir Menuhin himself and following which he invited her to perform with him.  
   
In the same year, she also won both First Prize and the Chinese Piece Performance Prize of the Sixth China National Violin Competition in 1998, where she was the youngest first prize winner ever in this competition. In the following years Zhi-Jong Wang has distinguished herself receiving the First Prize and three special prizes including “the Youngest Finalist” at the 22nd Lipizer International Violin Competition. Her achievements have attracted world-wide attention, in 2006 the China version of Gramophone magazine featured her with a full-page report, and musical critics acclaimed her as “a rare new star in Asia”.  
   
Zhi-Jong received her master degree in Shanghai Conservatory of Music where she studied with famous Chinese violinist Prof. Lina Yu. She also attended the master classes of Cho-liang Lin, Pinchas Zukerman, etc. She is currently studying with Maestro Kolja Blacher in Hochschule für Musik “Hanns Eisler” Berlin and working as his assistant, holds the position of the youngest Faculty member at the Shanghai Conservatory of Music.  
   
Zhi-Jong plays a Stradivari violin kindly loaded to her by Mr. Wu Ming-Hsing.