**Zlatomir Fung**

**Cello**

**2020-2021 150-word Biography**

The first American in four decades and youngest musician ever to win First Prize at the International Tchaikovsky Competition Cello Division, Zlatomir Fung is poised to become one of the preeminent cellists of our time. A 2020 recipient of an Avery Fisher Career Grant, Fung's impeccable technique demonstrates a mastery of the canon and an exceptional insight into the depths of contemporary repertoire.

Of Bulgarian-Chinese heritage, Zlatomir Fung began playing cello at age three and earned fellowships at Ravinia's Steans Music Institute, Heifetz International Music Institute, MusicAlp, and the Aspen Music Festival and School. A winner of the 2017 Young Concert Artists International Auditions and the 2017 Astral National Auditions, Fung was selected as a 2016 U.S. Presidential Scholar for the Arts. Fung has been featured on NPR’s Performance Today and has appeared on From the Top six times. Fung is a student at the Juilliard School. He plays an W.E Hill and Sons cello from 1905.