

Emmanuel Tjeknavorian

Violin

"In terms of virtuosity, intensity, phrasing, tone colour and profound musical understanding, Emmanuel Tjeknavorian has everything"

- Robert Matthew-Walker, Musical Opinion

Ever since being awarded for the best interpretation of Jean Sibelius' Violin Concerto as well as the second prize at the International Jean Sibelius Competition 2015, Emmanuel Tjeknavorian (*1995, Vienna) has received international acclaim.



He was selected to take part in the Rising Stars series of the European Concert Hall Organisation throughout the season 2017/2018. During this concert tour, he will perform in many of the most renowned concert halls in Europe. In 2018, Emmanuel will be part of the Orpheum Foundation and will give his debut with the Tonhalle Orchestra Zurich under Michael Sanderling.

The highlights of the current season include engagements with the Vienna Symphony, the Frankfurt Radio Symphony at the Easter Festival Warsaw, the Bruckner Orchestra Linz, the Camerata Salzburg and the Bogotá Youth Philharmonic Orchestra under the baton of Andrés Orozco-Estrada.

Furthermore, he will give recitals at the Rheingau Music Festival, the Andermatt Classics, the Menuhin Festival Gstaad as well as the Festival Mecklenburg-Vorpommern's cycle "young elite".

Being in the early stage of his career, he has already performed at the Vienna Musikverein, the Vienna Konzerthaus, the Munich Prinzregententheater, the Boston Symphony Hall and the Helsinki Music Centre.

As a soloist, Emmanuel Tjeknavorian has performed with the Vienna Radio Symphony Orchestra, the Orchestra della Toscana, the Finnish Radio Symphony Orchestra as well as with the Boston Pops Orchestra, the Helsinki Philharmonic Orchestra and the Munich Chamber Orchestra. He has played so far under the baton of conductors such as Cornelius Meister, Keith Lockhart, Hannu Lintu and John Storgårds.

Emmanuel Tjeknavorian was born in Vienna in 1995 and grew up in a family of musicians. He received his first violin lessons at the age of five and had his first public appearance two years later. Since 2011 he has been a student at the University for Music and Performing Arts Vienna, his teacher being Gerhard Schulz, formerly a member of the renowned Alban Berg Quartet.

Aside from the Sibelius Competition he won numerous prizes at international music competitions and received top prizes at the Fritz Kreisler Competition, the Johannes Brahms Competition and the Eurovision Young Musicians Competition, which was broadcasted throughout Europe as part of the opening ceremony of the Vienna Festival.

Emmanuel Tjeknavorian is playing an Antonio Stradivari violin, Cremona 1698, generously loaned to him by a patron of the Beare's International Violin Society' London.

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