



SOYOUNG YOON

Violin

“Enormously talented, with a terrific temperament and a bouncy effervescent quality,”
The Strad Magazine

Soyoung Yoon is an internationally performing soloist, chamber musician and leader of the Basel Symphony Orchestra in Switzerland.

Highlights of Ms. Yoon’s 2017/18 season include performances with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and the Geneva Chamber Orchestra as part of the 2018 Menuhin Competition in which she will also be a jury member.

Back in 2002, a first prize at the Yehudi Menuhin Competition was the start of Ms. Yoon’s solo career at the age of seventeen. Additional prizes at Tchaikovsky Competition in 2007, the Queen Elisabeth Competition in 2009, and the International Violin Competition of Indianapolis in 2010 were followed by outstanding milestones, such as a 1st prize award at the International Henryk Wieniawski Violin Competition in 2011 and debuts at Carnegie Hall and the „Konzerthaus Berlin“. As a soloist, Soyoung Yoon has performed among others with the „Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen“, NDR North German Radio Symphony Orchestra, Russian National Orchestra, Belgian National Orchestra, Polish National Radio Symphony Orchestra, Bern Symphony Orchestra, Trondheim Symphony Orchestra, Trondheim Soloists and Zurich Chamber Orchestra. She has collaborated with Krzysztof Penderecki, Ivor Bolton, Krzysztof Urbanski, Maxim Vengerov and Michal Nesterowicz.

In 2012, Soyoung Yoon founded the Orion string trio with Veit Hertenstein and Benjamin Gregor-Smith. In 2016 the trio was awarded the 1st prize and the audience prize in the 15th Chamber Music Competition “Migros Kulturprozent”, Zurich. As a chamber musician, Yoon can already look back on performances in London’s Wigmore Hall and Zurich Tonhalle.

In 2015, after recording the Tchaikovsky and Sibelius Violin Concertos in 2012, Soyoung released her second CD with Piazzolla’s *Four Seasons* and Mendelssohn-Bartholdy’s *Concerto for Violin and Piano* in collaboration with the Korean Chamber Orchestra leading to concerts in Seoul, London, Berlin and NYC.

Soyoung Yoon studied at the National University of the Arts in South Korea and with Zakhar Bron at the Cologne University of Music and Dance and the Zurich University of the Arts. She plays a J. B. Guadagnini violin (ex-Bückeberg) made in Turin 1773.