

Queen Elisabeth Music Chapel

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Esther Yoo, 4th prize winner at the Queen Elisabeth International Music Competition 2012

The Queen Elisabeth Music Chapel is proud to announce that Esther Yoo, one of its soloists in residence under the direction of Augustin Dumay, won the 4th prize at the 75th Queen Elisabeth International Music Competition – violin 2012

Biography

Esther Yoo was born in the USA and is 17 years old. She has been living in Belgium from the age of 6, receiving music education in Germany/Belgium and attending the International School of Brussels in Belgium. Since making her orchestra debut at age 8, Esther has performed with many orchestras including the Finnish Radio Symphony Orchestra, the Helsinki Philharmonia Orch., Polish Chamber Orch., the Seoul Philh. Orch. and the Korean Chamber Orch. Upcoming concerto performances in 2011/12 include re-invitations to the Orch. National de Lorraine and Kharkov Philh. Orch. as well as debuts with the Philharmonia Orchestra, Moscow Symphony Orch., Odessa Philh.Orch., Sinfonia Rotterdam, and Wonju Philh. Orch. She has performed as a soloist in the Rising Stars Series (Germany, Austria, Korea), in London's Royal Festival Hall, the Centre for fine Arts and Flagey, the Israeli Opera, the Seoul Arts Center and the Carnegie Hall. At age 16, Esther Yoo won 3rd prize, as the youngest winner, at the 10th International Sibelius Violin Competition. Other prizes include 1st Prize at the 10th International Wieniawski Violin Competition (junior section), European Union Award for Music Art, 2nd Prize at the Andrea Postacchini competition, 1st Prize at the New York Music Competition, 1st Prize at the New Jersey Music Competition and the Special Achievement Award from the International School of Brussels for her exceptional academic achievements. In 2011, Esther was accepted at the Music Chapel under the direction of A. Dumay.

