

NYO2 2023 Guest Artist: Jennifer Koh



Grammy Award–winning violinist Jennifer Koh is recognized for her intense, commanding performances, delivered with dazzling virtuosity and technical assurance. A forward-thinking artist, she is dedicated to exploring a broad and eclectic repertoire while promoting equity and inclusivity in classical music. She has expanded the contemporary violin repertoire through a wide range of commissioning projects, and has premiered more than 100 works written especially for her.

This season, Ms. Koh performs works from her series *Alone Together*, a commissioning project, performance, and recording series in support of composers during the coronavirus crisis; *Bach and Beyond*, which traces the history of the solo violin repertoire from J. S. Bach's sonatas and partitas to pieces by 20th- and 21st-century composers; and *The New American Concerto*, which invites a diverse collective of composers to examine socio-cultural topics relevant to American life today through the form of the violin concerto. As part of this latter series, she performs Missy Mazzoli's violin concerto *Procession* with the Lahti Symphony Orchestra, Kansas City Symphony, Philadelphia Orchestra, and Phoenix Symphony. Ms. Koh has appeared with orchestras worldwide that include the Atlanta, Baltimore, BBC, Chicago, Cincinnati, National, NHK, RAI National, and Singapore symphony orchestras; the Cleveland, Mariinsky, Minnesota, and Philharmonia (London) orchestras; the New York and Los Angeles philharmonics; the New World Symphony; and the Helsinki Philharmonic Orchestra.

Named *Musical America's* 2016 Instrumentalist of the Year, Ms. Koh has won the International Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow, Concert Artists Guild Competition, and an Avery Fisher Career Grant. She has a bachelor's degree in English literature from Oberlin College and studied at the Curtis Institute, where she worked extensively with Jaime Laredo and Felix Galimir. She is also an active lecturer, teacher, and recording artist for Cedille Records, and is the newly named artistic director of the Kennedy Center's Fortas Chamber Music Concerts and artistic director and founder of the nonprofit ARCO Collaborative.

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