

University of Music FRANZ LISZT Weimar
International LOUIS SPOHR Competition for Young
Violinists



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SPOHR COMPETITION AS A STEPPING STONE

Our prize winners - what they do now



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Sarah Christian (*1990)

3rd prize, category I (2004)

- studied with Igor Ozim at the Mozarteum Salzburg and with Antje Weithaas at the Hanns Eisler School of Music Berlin
- 2nd prize and the audience award at the ARD International Music Competition 2017 (no 1st prize was given)
- 1st concertmaster of the Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen
- performs as soloist and chamber musician all over the world
- Professor of violin at the State University of Music and the Performing Arts Stuttgart (since 2019)

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Tobias Feldmann (*1991)

3rd prize, category II (2007)

- studied with Antje Weithaas at the Hanns Eisler School of Music Berlin
- Prize winner of the Queen Elisabeth Competition 2015 and winner of the Deutscher Musikwettbewerb 2012
- performs as soloist all over the world
- Professor of violin at the University of Music Würzburg (since 2018)

→ www.tobias-feldmann.com



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Dragos Manza (*1988)

3rd prize, category I (2001)

- studied with Friedemann Eichhorn at the University of Music FRANZ LISZT Weimar
- 2011 CEI Award for Outstanding Performance at the international Chamber Music Competition "Premio Trio di Trieste" (together with the pianist Alina Bercu)
- 1st concertmaster of the Düsseldorfer Symphoniker (since the season 2012/13)



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Hyeyoon Park (*1992)

1st prize, category II (2007)

- studied with Antje Weithaas at the Hanns Eisler School of Music Berlin and currently with Christian Tetzlaff at the Kronberg Academy
- 1st prize at the ARD International Music Competition 2009
- Borletti-Buitoni Trust Award 2011
- performs as soloist and chamber musician all over the world



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Zsolt-Tihamér Visontay (*1983)

3rd prize, category III (2004)

- studied with Jost Witter at the University of Music FRANZ LISZT Weimar
- Prize winner of the International Henry Marteau Violin Competition
- 1st concertmaster of the Philharmonia Orchestra London (since 2007)



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Stephen Waarts (*1996)

1st prize, category I (2010)

- studied with Aaron Rosand at the Curtis Institute of Music and currently with Mihaela Martin at the Kronberg Academy
- Prize winner of the Queen Elisabeth Competition 2015 and the International Yehudi Menuhin Violin Competition 2014
- Orchestra Award of the International Classical Music Award (ICMA) 2019
- performs as soloist all over the world

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Noa Wildschut (*2001)

1st prize, category I (2010)

- studied with Vera Beths at the Amsterdam University of the Arts and currently with Antje Weithaas at the Hanns Eisler School of Music Berlin
- 2014-2019 Member of the "Mutter Virtuosi", led by Anne-Sophie Mutter
- Exclusive recording artist for Warner Classics and "ECHO Rising Star" of the season 2019-20

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