

MEDIA RELEASE

Morningside Music Bridge selects 63 Young Musicians for Summer Music Program in Warsaw, Poland

CALGARY, AB, April 11, 2018 — Morningside Music Bridge (MMB) has selected 63 musicians from ten countries to take part in its 22nd annual summer program. MMB embodies the highest international standards of excellence, bringing together outstanding young violinists, violists, cellists, and pianists aged 12 to 18 from around the globe for a month of intensive music making. All students receive full scholarships.

Morningside Music Bridge 2018 takes place from July 4 to August 3 at the Fryderyk Chopin University of Music in Warsaw, Poland, thanks to the support and cooperation of the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage of the Republic of Poland and the Chopin University. The Program offers a broadened performance experience by taking select students mid-July to Montepulciano, Italy, for two concerts at the Cantiere Internazionale d'Arte festival.

“Discovering the new crop of Morningside Music Bridge students each summer is like looking into a crystal ball and getting a sneak peek at the next generation of great classical artists,” said Paul Dorian, Executive Director of MMB. “Every year I am inspired as I witness connections being formed by students from around the world.”

Nearly 300 musicians applied through an online audition. Applications were reviewed by a distinguished panel of faculty members, representing a spectrum of established musicians. The 63 students selected are from Austria, Canada, China, Germany, Israel, Palestine, Poland, South Korea, Taiwan, and United States. They include 20 violinists, 11 violists, 16 cellists, and 16 pianists.

MMB scholarships are also awarded to winners of prestigious youth competitions around the world where young musicians display exceptional artistic potential. This year, the Morningside Music Bridge Young Artist Awards were presented at the Johansen International Competition for Young String Players in Washington, D.C., and at the Menuhin Competition in Geneva, Switzerland.

Each year, MMB brings together some of the industry’s most respected artists and teachers to guide, nurture, and inspire the young musicians. Guest faculty for 2018 includes renowned performers like violinist Midori and Chopin specialist, pianist Krzysztof Jabłoński, and accomplished teachers including violist Atar Arad and cellist Laurence Lesser.

For the past two decades, more than 1,600 young artists have benefited from the barrier-free music experience MMB offers. Alumni perform in the world’s major concert halls, record for industry-leading labels, and work for develop. Alumni include pianists Yuja Wang and Jan Lisiecki; violinists Ning Feng, Nikki and Timothy Chooi; cellist Arnold Choi; and violist Teng Li.



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ABOUT MORNINGSIDE MUSIC BRIDGE

Morningside Music Bridge is a global institution that brings together the brightest young talent from around the world for an extensive summer training program. Young musicians perform in memorable public venues, participate in Morningside Music Bridge's prestigious concerto competition and chamber music concerts, and bond with one another through the exquisite language of music. The Program is a non-academic program and no tuition is charged. MMB is an extension of Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra's educational suite.

ABOUT CALGARY PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

The Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra is a cornerstone of Calgary's multi-faceted arts community and since 1955, has grown to be one of North America's finest and most versatile live music ensembles. A repertoire that is extensive and broad in scope consistently attracts acclaimed guest artists and conductors. The CPO, led by Maestro Rune Bergmann, offers an average of 80 concerts per Season designed to fit all musical tastes.

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BACKGROUND

2018 Morningside Music Bridge Musicians

CELLO

<u>NAME</u>		<u>AGE</u>	<u>ORIGIN</u>
Danielle	Akta	15	Germany
Anthony	Choi	16	United States
Nahar	Eliaz	12	Israel
Jizheng	Fang	13	China
Jiayin	He	17	China
Sebastian	Kozub	19	Poland
Chelsie	Lim	13	United States
Jiayi	Liu	15	China
Krzysztof	Michalski	14	Poland
Youngin	Na	19	South Korea
Laura	Navasardian	14	United States
David Liam	Roberts	17	Canada
Dawn	Song	17	United States
Namisa	Sun	17	China
Sophie	Van der Sloot	15	Canada
Wanxuan	Wu	15	China

PIANO

<u>NAME</u>		<u>AGE</u>	<u>ORIGIN</u>
Mohammad	Alshaikh	14	Palestine Authority
Tianxu	An	18	United States
Xuehong	Chen	18	China
Yanjun	Chen	16	China
Henry	From	13	United States
Joanna	Goranko	16	Poland
Jiahao	Han	17	China
Jaeden	Izik-Dzurko	18	Canada
Adam	Jackson	14	United States
Clayton	Stepenson	19	United States
Chenyu	Wang	15	China
Zitong	Wang	19	United States

Natasha	Wu	17	Taiwan
Chen Helen	Xu	18	China
Michelle Jia Yun	Xu	15	Canada
Kaiwen Kevin	Zhao	17	Austria

VIOLA

<u>NAME</u>		<u>AGE</u>	<u>ORIGIN</u>
Joshua	Cai	16	United States
Ludwig Chris	Jantzen	15	United States
Natanel	Laevsky	17	Israel
Chen	Ma	17	China
Alexander (Sasha)	Moroz	18	Canada
Yunrui	Qu	16	China
Gong	Shishi	18	China
Danielle	Tsao	16	Canada
Shuhan	Wang	18	China
Liang	Yizilin	17	China
Weiyi	Zeng	17	China

VIOLIN

<u>NAME</u>		<u>AGE</u>	<u>ORIGIN</u>
Zhong Han	Chen	14	China
Bo	Cui	16	China
Jacques	Forestier	13	Canada
Grace	Huh	15	United States
Gawon	Kim	17	South Korea
Liu	Kuo	18	China
Yesong Sophie	Lee	14	United States
Ruibing	Liu	13	China
Sean	Mori	15	United States
Hanna	Pozorska	14	Poland
Semen	Slobodianiuk	18	Poland
Kacper	Solarz	14	Poland
Jakub	Staszal	14	Poland
Adrian	Steele	18	United States
Anna	Stube	12	Canada
Amy	Sze	16	United States

Shintaro	Taneda	16	United States
Ruiyi	Wang	15	China
Ashley	Yoon	14	United States
Hadar	Zaidel	17	Israel