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Summer Newsletter

Dear Susanne,

Last month's launch in Beijing, and the follow-up event in London, have motivated thousands to visit our website, both to find out [how to apply](#) and to learn more about [our illustrious jury](#).

As young violinists from all over the world prepare their applications, let me keep you up to date as we prepare for Beijing 2012, and tell you where you can see and hear some of our previous prize winners.

Do read on - and enjoy the summer and its music festivals, wherever you are.

With best wishes
Susanne Barthelmes
General Manager

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Report from the launch events in Beijing and London

In Beijing, the impressive launch panel included the British Ambassador, composer and former competition juror Wu Zuqiang, the President of the Central Conservatory, Wang Cizhao and our Chairman Duncan Greenland and Artistic Director Gordon Back. The presentation and introduction sparked a lively question and answer session, which got the media and some movers and shakers of the Beijing music scene very excited about the event.

The London launch event was hosted at Asia House, where 2010 Junior 1st Prize winner Kerson Leong performed to an enthusiastic group of guests, including our hosts from the Central Conservatory in Beijing and jury members Tasmin Little and Hu Kun.

Following the launch events, our website has seen unprecedented numbers of visitors and we are looking forward to receiving applications from talented young violinists in every continent.

[Find out how to apply](#). Application deadline is the



How to apply for 2012?

You can find all application information [here](#).

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Planning to come to Beijing?



Believe it or not, we are already getting enquiries on how to book tickets for events in Beijing.

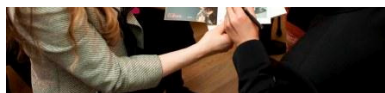
Just so you can plan ahead - we will publish our programme highlights on our website later this summer.

And to make reserving concert tickets as easy as possible, we will send you details of our central booking point for Beijing this autumn.

The Opening and the Closing Gala Concerts will be at the National Centre for Performing Arts on 6th and 15th April 2012. The competition rounds are public as always and will take place in the Central Conservatories Concert Hall. Plus there will be more concerts and events, in prestigious venues around the city, to keep you entertained throughout.

On top of all that, Beijing is

31 October 2011.



Kerson Leong giving autographs in London

an amazing city with lots to offer.

We look forward to seeing you there!

The Menuhin Competition on YouTube



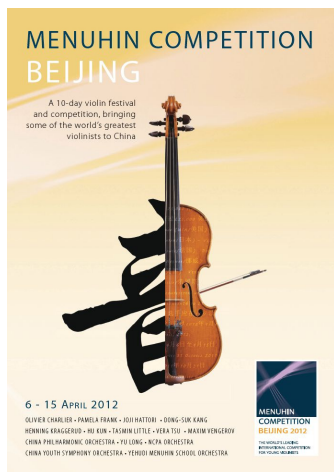
Broadcast Yourself™

Some competitors have put their competition performances on YouTube.

And we would like to create a hub for all these performances, so we've created the [Menuhin Competition Channel](#).

Sign up as a friend, send us your comments and links to any clips we should feature as favourites.

New Facebook page for Beijing competition



Facebook has thrown a little spanner in our works and we need your help! We started a Facebook page for the Oslo competition last year and held it in the name of "Menuhin Competition 2010". Unfortunately we can't change the date in our name. And so we have to start again - which is just what we've done. So [we need you to sign up to our new page](#) as the 2010 page will be phased out.

We also want to be more interactive, so that you can have your say. That's why [all our friends can now post messages on our new Facebook page](#).

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Festivals, masterclasses and concerts

I look forward to meeting some of last year's prize winners and participants in Kronberg/Germany this June. From 19 to 26 June, **Kerson Leong, Fanglei Liu, Suyeon Kang and Anna Lee** will take part in the [Kronberg Academy Violin Masterclasses](#) and perform in the Final Concert on Sunday, 26 June.



Kerson Leong (Junior 1st Prize 2010) and **Xiang Yu** (Senior 1st Prize 2010) will also perform at the Menuhin Festival in Gstaad. [Kerson's performance](#) is on Saturday, 13 August 2011 and [Xiang Yu performs on Saturday, 20 August 2011](#).

Kerson will also perform at the [Rheingau Musik Festival](#) near Wiesbaden in their Junge Virtuosen series on Sunday 21 August. And he will perform with his cellist brother at a [Trasimeno Festival](#) concert on Friday, 1 July.



Our 2008 Junior 1st Prize winner **Chad Hoopes** will perform works by Bach, Brahms and Tchaikowsky at the [Mecklenburg Vorpommern Music Festival](#) in their Junge Elite series on Saturday 6 August. A few days earlier, the festival will feature our Junior 5th Prize 2010, **Callum Smart** in the same series. [More details...](#)

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