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Summer Holidays Newsletter

Dear Susanne,

The season of summer holidays, festivals and courses has truly begun - only the sunshine is lacking, at least here in the UK.

If you are looking for some inspiration on which festival to go to, [look at our friend's suggestions on Facebook](#) and add your own. You can also follow some of our prize winners at their festival appearances this summer.

And for those who are preparing to apply for the next competition - we have some [exciting news](#) and [some very useful tips](#) for you.

And as everybody goes on holiday, so are we: our office will be closed from 10-29 August.

Have a great summer everyone!

Susanne Barthelmes
General Manager

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 an amazing city with lots to offer.

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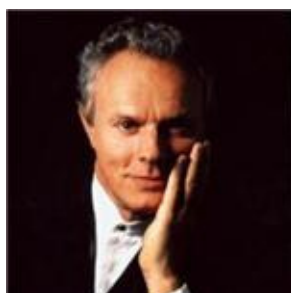
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Internationally acclaimed conductor joins jury panel



Yan Pascal Tortelier ©

The Menuhin Competition is thrilled to announce that **French conductor** and former violinist **Yan Pascal Tortelier will join the jury panel** of the Beijing competition 2012. Although he has been on a number of conducting competition juries, this will be the first time for Tortelier to judge a violin competition.

As well as being on the jury panel, **Tortelier will conduct the Closing Gala Concert** at the National Centre for Performing Arts (NCPA) on 15 April 2012. [More...](#)

Malcolm Crowthers

More attractive prizes secured

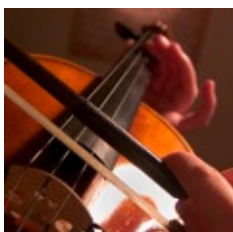
We are thrilled to let you know about a couple of **fantastic additional prizes** for the winners of next year's competition.

London-based international violin dealer and restorer [Florian Leonhard](#) will be offering both 1st Prize winners a one-year **loan of a fine old Italian instrument**, which he will individually select from his collection with the winner.



And following a very exciting week of violin masterclasses at [Kronberg Academy](#) in Germany this June, **Kronberg Academy will again invite four of next year's prize winners to actively participate in their masterclasses in June 2013.**

Tips & advice to prepare your application



As many of you are preparing their application for the next competition, we are getting a lot of questions and we have decided to put together **a special section on our website** for you.

We also know from experience, that closer to the application deadline, some of you will be experiencing some last minute panic. So we have published some **useful tips & advice** on how to prepare your application well and without last minute stress.

So before emailing us your queries, check out our [new page](#). And if you have any advice you'd like to share, email us or [post it on our Facebook page](#).

Festivals, masterclasses and concerts



Tomorrow evening, Thursday 21 July, **Callum Smart & Gordon Back** will play works by Brahms, Beethoven, Ysaÿe and Wieniawski at the [Festspiele in Mecklenburg Vorpommern](#). And on 6 August 2008 Junior 1st Prize winner **Chad Hoopes** will perform works by Bach, Brahms and Tchaikovsky there as well. [More details...](#)

Ray Chen, Senior 1st Prize 2008, is also in Germany, performing the Bruch Violin Concerto at the

[Schleswig-Holstein Music Festival](#) in Hamburg.

Stephen Waarts, Junior 2nd Prize 2010 is currently at the Perlman Music Program in NYC and will spend part of August at the Summit Music Festival there, performing in a couple of concerts. [More...](#)

Kerson Leong (Junior 1st Prize 2010) and **Xiang Yu** (Senior 1st Prize 2010) will 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.

Concerned about the cost of coming to China?

We look forward to seeing you there!

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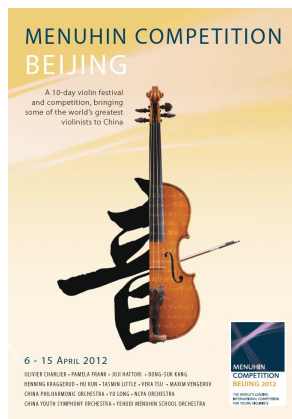
And we would like to create a hub for all these performances, so we've created the [Menuhin Competition Channel](#).

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

You should not be. It was a part of Yehudi Menuhin's philosophy, that everybody should be able to take part in a violin competition, regardless of their financial circumstances. **All that counts is talent!**

Every participating **competitor will be invited** by the Central Conservatory of Music in Beijing during the entire competition period, regardless if they progress in the rounds or not. They will be offered **free student accommodation** during the competition and meals at the conservatory. Competitors also won't need to bring their own pianist. **Very good official pianists are available** to everybody.

And if the actual cost of travel poses a big problem, competitors will be able to apply for a **travel grant** to support their cost of coming to China.



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