

CheHo Lam, violin

Praised as 'a young concert artist with flair and musical integrity' by *The Audiotechnique*, twenty-two year old CheHo Lam was first violinist of the Eastman String Quartet, chosen by the Joint Congressional Committee and the Eastman School of Music to perform at the 2013 U.S. Presidential Inauguration Luncheon in Washington D.C. for President Obama.

Born and raised in Hong Kong, Mr. Lam started his performing career at the age of ten as a solo violinist and solo boy soprano, when he first made his international debut with the Yip's Children's Choir and the Hong Kong Children's Symphony Orchestra touring in Helsinki, Frankfurt, Prague and St. Petersburg. Since then, he has made appearances as both a soloist and a chamber musician in the United States, Asia and Europe. He has been heard in venues such as the Tchaikovsky State House-Museum Concert Hall, the Rachmaninoff Hall of the Moscow Conservatory of Music, the National Centre for Performing Arts in Beijing, the Herbst Theatre in San Francisco, Bovard Auditorium, University of Southern California.

Mr. Lam made his New York solo debut at Merkin Concert Hall after winning Top prize at the 2013 New York International Artists Violin Competition, and has been featured in various media worldwide including NBC10 News, WQXR, WXXI-FM Rochester, MediaCorp Channel Singapore, and Cable Television Hong Kong. He held concertmaster positions in Eastman School Symphony Orchestra, Yale-China Music Exchange Ensemble, and Ensemble Ad Hoc.

In August 2012, Mr. Lam was invited as guest soloist and resident musician at the Lakes Area Music Festival in Brainerd, MN, where critic wrote 'he thrilled the Tornstrom audience with his solo violin performance of Tartini's "Devil's Trill" Sonata'. Next summer, Mr. Lam was invited as Festival Artist and Administrative Director at the Caroga Lake Music Festival in the Adirondacks NY, where he performed at the opening concert for Yo-yo Ma's concert with the Philadelphia Orchestra in Saratoga Performing Arts Centre.

As a founding member of the Eastman String Quartet and Minestra Quartet under the mentorship of Professor Philip Ying and David Ying, the newly appointed Artistic Directors of Bowdoin International Music Festival, Mr. Lam and the quartets have made recurring appearances at the Castleman Quartet Program, and has played in chamber masterclasses given by Takacs Quartet, the Kopelman Quartet, the Alexander Quartet, and the Chiara Quartet. The Quartet works intensively with the Ying Quartet and Professor Steven Doane.

An avid interpreter of contemporary music, CheHo served as the primary violinist of the new music ensemble Musica Nova under the direction of Brad Lubman. He also collaborated with conductor Jeff Milarsky and composer Ben Moore. In the Spring of 2012, Mr. Lam was selected to play with New York City's contemporary ensemble Signal in a sold out concert of all Steve Reich works. Mr. Lam has premiered chamber and solo works by composers David Liptak, Carlos Sanchez-Gutierrez, Cody Forrest.

Mr. Lam began studying the violin at age six under the tutelage of Professor Yang Bao-zhi and the late Professor Lin Yao-ji of the Central Conservatory of Music in Beijing. A recipient of the Howard Hanson scholarship, Mr. Lam holds bachelor degree of Music and Literature from Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY under the tutelage of Professor Charles Castleman. Mr. Lam also studied with Head of Central Conservatory of Music String Department Professor Liang Chai, former first violinist of Tokyo Quartet Mr. Martin Beaver and Professor Emerita of Stony Brook University Ms. Joyce Robbins. He has performed in masterclasses given by Donald Weilerstein and Steven Stucky.

CheHo is the Co-founder and Artistic Director of house performing art series 'Music on Mondays Society' - a monthly home concerts series that provides an interactive, intimate platform for audience to experience high calibre live performance up close, and supports emerging artists by incorporating artists of multiple discipline into music performances.

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